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Subject: Kerr-McGee Triangle Park

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June 21, 2022

Eric Knepp, Parks Superintendent  
Madison Parks Department  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd #104  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Knepp:

Please accept this letter as a formal request to rename the park currently known as the Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to the R. Richard Wagner Park after R Richard (Dick) Wagner who passed away on December 12, 2021. I am Dick's younger brother and I have many fond and precious memories of Dick and his love for the city of Madison and its community development. Dick strongly believed in building coalitions and finding common ground ,with respect and courtesy to everyone involved ,to reach a common goal which would benefit the community. This was the essence of my brother, Dick.

The Kerr-McGee Triangle Park was very special to Dick especially since he was instrumental in the creation of the park and he personally and actively was involved in the ongoing care and maintenance of the park. I honestly think it was incredibly fitting and special that Dick collapsed and died in the Kerr-McGee Triangle Park which was so near and dear to him.

Consequently, I urge you to give every consideration to rename the Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to the R. Richard Wagner Park.

I appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Wagner

CC: Mark Webster  
Ann Freiwald

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**From:** Tim Zinkgraf <[tim.zinkgraf@gmail.com](mailto:tim.zinkgraf@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Renaming Kerr-McGee Triangle Park

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I would like to add to the voices in support of renaming Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to R. Richard Wagner Park. I can't think of a more fitting tribute to a man who has helped make Madison the place it is by all of the projects, committees and fundraising he has been involved with in the decades he lived there. His dedication to civic participation was an inspiration to many and myself. Having served several years on the Village of McFarland Board and the Plan Commission, I can only appreciate all of the meetings he engaged in to help move forward the projects that mean so much to the city. Having the park named after someone instead of a business would also have appealed to Dick who was always researching personal history. On looking back at the history of another park in the neighborhood, I discovered that Bascom B. Clarke was known for giving back to the community by his work for children. Dick was well known for his work for LGBTQ+ community. I can see others in the future looking up Dick's name because of the park and discovering all the wonderful things he did for Madison, Dane County and the State.

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**From:** Eve Galanter <[eve.galanter@gmail.com](mailto:eve.galanter@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Park Naming in Honor of Dick Wagner

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Dear Mr. Knepp, Ms. Freiwald, and Members, City of Madison Parks Commission,

We have had the opportunity to review the letter and statements of support sent to you from the Olbrich Botanical Society and the Madison Parks Foundation regarding naming a park in honor of Dick Wagner.

We wholeheartedly concur with and support all of the statements contained in the materials that formally request renaming the park currently known as Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to "R. Richard Wagner Park," and urge your approval of this request. As friends of Dick's and former members of the Madison City Council, we believe this would be a particularly meaningful recognition of his lifetime of civic and civil engagement in Madison.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Wayne Bigelow

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From: Mary Marsh <[marykaymarsh@icloud.com](mailto:marykaymarsh@icloud.com)>

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Thank you for the opportunity to express support for renaming Kerr-McGee Triangle Park as R. Richard Wagner Park in honor of my uncle, Dick Wagner. I am grateful for your efforts. Please see the attached letter of support.

Best of luck,  
Mary Marsh

Attachment:

June 15, 2022

Eric Knepp, Parks Superintendent  
Madison Parks Department  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd #104  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Knepp,

On behalf of R. Richard (Dick) Wagner's family, I wish to express my support of the effort to rename Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to R. Richard Wagner Park in his honor. I am the daughter of Dick's only surviving sister (Judith Wagner Brucken) who is unable to write herself due to advanced health problems.

While Dick was born and raised in Dayton, Madison was his home. He dedicated his professional talent and personal passion to care for the Madison community. Many of his fellow Madisonians have cataloged his extensive contributions to support of the initiative to rename the park he was so instrumental in creating and in which he died. I wish to provide a personal insight to why this proposed honor would be so meaningful.

The home in which Dick lived his entire life until he left for the University of Wisconsin Madison incorporated extensive gardens. Having lived in the same house myself as a child, I can attest to the tiered-wall flower garden, as long as a basketball court, which exploded with daffodils in the spring for a backdrop of generations of Easter photos, to the pink and thorny spray of roses that climbed to the second story on the east side of the house, and to the hedge of peony bushes where ants gathered on their big fuschia buds. When Dick would return during the summers, his visits with his sisters always included in-depth investigations of their gardens, all of which included transplants from their mother's original gardens. More recently, I was lucky enough to be part of group texts with Dick and his younger brother sharing photos of their gardens throughout the seasons.

I believe what Dick understood - and what came through in his desire to create homes and neighborhoods and parks in Madison - was how deeply nature connects and grounds people's lives. I think Dick believed that beyond their beauty and primeval spirituality, gardens and parks of every size in whatever space they emerge bind people to their own history and to each other.

Thus, I hope the Madison Park District will honor my Uncle Dick's spirit and legacy by renaming Kerr-McGee Triangle Park as R. Richard Wagner Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Katherine Brucken Marsh

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From: Chuck Bauer <ctbauer@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:08 PM  
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Subject: R. Richard Wagner Park

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RE: Wednesday (June 22),  
ATT: the City of Madison Parks Long Range Planning Committee

Please consider and approve renaming Kerr-McGee Triangle Park to the R. Richard Wagner Park in honor of Dick Wagner.

I knew Dick very well and know that it's true that Dick had a long history of supporting our parks, from establishing the Period Garden Park in the Mansion Hill neighborhood, years of service on the board of Olbrich Botanical Gardens, to establishment of the triangle park where he sadly died last December.

Please vote to change the name of the park.

Thanks!

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