

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-0347

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gaffney & Co-Sponsored by Council Members Bowman, Newby, Freeman, Morgan and Dennis

**Date of Introduction:** June 23, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** June 23, 2020

**Type of Action:** Renaming public park

**Bill Summary:** The bill changes the name of the public park located at 956 Hubbard Street in Council District 7 from "Confederate Park" to "Springfield Park".

**Background Information:** Confederate Park is located near downtown in the historic Springfield neighborhood of north Jacksonville. The park was originally opened in 1907 as Dignan Park, named for the city's Chairman of the Board of Public Works. It was renamed Confederate Park after the United Confederate Veterans held a reunion of former Confederate soldiers at the park in 1914. The park has been used for a variety of outdoor activities by the citizens of Jacksonville for more than half a century. The Council finds that under the current social circumstances it is appropriate to change the name of the park from "Confederate Park" to "Springfield Park".

**Policy Impact Area:** Public parks, Council District 7

**Fiscal Impact:** Minimal fiscal impact for new signage and related costs

**Analyst:** Baltiero