

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** 2019-518

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Boylan

**Date of Introduction:** July 23, 2019

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

**Date of Analysis:** July 22, 2019

**Type of Action:** Ordinance renaming a park

**Bill Summary:** This bill renames Flynn Park located at 2738 Orange Pickers Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223, in Council District 6 as the "Walter Anderson Memorial Park".

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to rename Flynn Park to honor the late Walter W. Anderson. Flynn Park is located in Mandarin in an area that was historically African American. In the 1950s, parks in Duval County were racially segregated and there were no public parks in Mandarin for use by African Americans. In 1955, Mr. Anderson (a lifelong Mandarin resident) conveyed approximately four acres to Duval County for nominal consideration with the restriction that it was to be used for park purposes only, in order to make a public park available for use by African Americans.

The renaming of the park is appropriate because: there is no park or other public facility in Mandarin named for any African American; although the Flynn family was one of Mandarin's prominent families in the twentieth century, their name was already honored by the naming of Flynn Road; Mr. Flynn had no known connection to the park, while Walter Anderson donated the land for the park to meet a need resulting from racial segregation.

**Policy Impact Area:** Flynn Park in Mandarin

**Fiscal Impact:** Some costs to replace signage

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