Domestic Geographic Name Report

Action Requested:

☑ Proposed New Name
☐ Application Change
☐ Name Change
☐ Other

Recommended Name: WESTVIEW ISLAND
State: OREGON
County: LANE
Administrative Area:

Specific Area Covered

☑ Center
☐ Mouth
☐ End

Latitude: 44° 02' 51" N
Longitude: 123° 01' 48" W

☐ Heading
☐ End

Latitude: 44° 02' 51" N
Longitude: 123° 01' 48" W

Section(s): 125
Township(s): E
Range(s): R.3W
Meridian: W.M.
M.E.: 1/4 S.E. 1/4 sec. 3Y
LANE CO., OREGON
Elevation 1434
☑ Feet
□ Meters

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.): ISLAND IN THE WILLAMETTE RIVER

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?
☐ Yes
☒ No
□ Unknown

If yes, please indicate how it is listed (include name and GNIS feature ID number): ___________

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):

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<th>Maps and Other Sources Using Recommended Name (include scale and date)</th>
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Name Information (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information): THE ENTRANCE TO ISLAND PARK HAS A PANOERAMIC VIEW OF THE ISLAND ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARK; HENCE, THE NAME "WESTVIEW ISLAND."

Is the recommended name in local usage?
☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, for approximately how many years?

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name (as located)? NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.
For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:

Additional information:

Submitted By:
- Company or Agency:
- Title:
- Address (City, State, and ZIP Code):
- Telephone:
- Date:

Copy Prepared By (if other than above):
- Company or Agency:
- Title:
- Address (City, State, and ZIP Code):
- Phone (day):
- Date:

Authority for Recommended Name: PETER T. FERRERO, III
- Mailing Address: 441 WEST D ST, SPRINGFIELD, OR 97477
- Telephone: 541-746-6263
- Occupation: RETIRED TEACHER
- Years in Area: 15

Authority for Recommended Name:
- Mailing Address:
- Telephone:
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION NO:  

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING A PROPOSED NAME FOR A NATURAL FEATURE LOCATED IN LANE COUNTY TO THE OREGON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES BOARD

WHEREAS, geographic naming in Oregon is a public process by which anyone can submit a formal proposal for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the Oregon Geographic Names Board (OGNB) is the official advisor and state geographic names authority of Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the OGBN is to supervise the naming of geographic features within the state of Oregon and to make recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names (USBGN), which has final approval authority; and,

WHEREAS, the OGNB has received a formal proposal from Mr. Peter Ferrero to name an island in the Willamette River "Westview Island”. It is located immediately to the west of island Park in Springfield; and,

WHEREAS, the OGNB has determined that the island has not been previously named and the City of Springfield does not object to the proposed name; and,

WHEREAS, the OGNB requires the written option of the Lane County Commissioner on this matter prior to the OGNB forwarding a recommendation to the USBGN.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lane County Board of Commissioners ORDERS AND RESOLVES as follows:

1. Full support for the proposed name of Westview Island, attributed to the island within the Willamette River at Island Park centered at 44° 02' 51"N, 123° 01' 48"W.

ADOPTED this ___ day of ________________, 2018.

Jay Bozievich, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 2/19/16

LANE COUNTY OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Revised 1/5/16
Memorandum Date: February 16, 2018
Order Date: February 27, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: Alex Cuyler, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER: In the matter of recommending a proposed name for a natural feature located in Lane County to the Oregon Geographic Names Board

I. MOTION

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to make a finding of support for an application to the Oregon Geographic Names Board ("Names Board") to formally name an island in the Willamette River located in Lane County, "Westview Island".

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Board of Commissioners made a recommendation to the Oregon Geographic Names Board to support the naming of Noyes Creek on June 9, 2010, by passing Order No. 10-6-9-16.

The Board of Commissioners made a recommendation to the Oregon Geographic Names Board to support the naming of Sylvan Ridge on March 15, 2016, by passing Order No. 16-03-15-01.

B. Policy Issues

This action is a required piece of the process undertaken by the Names Board, that is, the local county Board of Commissioners has an opportunity to comment on applications to name features within their jurisdiction.
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Bruce,

Thank you for your inquiry. We have reviewed the proposal and the materials you provided and determined that we have **no opinion** as to the proposed name.

Best,

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Springfield 80-year-old’s quest: to name Willamette River island

By Saul Hubbard
Posted Jul 15, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SPRINGFIELD — What’s in a name? For Peter Ferrero III, quite a lot.

The 80-year-old Springfield resident is leading a solitary charge to place a formal name on the long, narrow island in the Willamette River just off the city’s Island Park.

“Westview” is the former public school teacher’s chosen moniker for the wooded land mass, because it’s what people see when they look west from Island Park. Ironically, that name is a bit of a misnomer from Ferrero’s perspective, since the island dominates the view to the south from his nearby home on D Street.

“I was just intrigued by the thought of naming an island,” Ferrero said. “If I’m successful, all new maps will have to include (the name). It’ll be part of the official record.

“Putting something in place for perpetuity, I thought that would be interesting.”

The unnamed island started forming in the Willamette River in the late 1950s, according to historical aerial photos, after the unnamed eastbound bridge that carries Highway 126 from Glenwood to Springfield was built directly upriver.

Ferrero believes the bridge likely altered the river’s currents, allowing sediments to settle and stabilize in a previously fast-flowing section of the river. Over the years, a sand and rock bar grew into a heavily forested island.

Today, the island attracts summer sunbathers and occasional overnight campers who brave the river’s currents to swim out to it.

Ferrero has never actually set foot on the island he hopes to name, he acknowledged, although he’s reached out from a fishing boat and felt its rocks.

“I’m not much of a cold water person,” he said, with a laugh. “But I see (the island) every day.”

Ferrero is finding out that perpetuity doesn’t come easy, however.

Helped by Bruce Fisher, president of the Oregon Geographic Names Board, Ferrero has been navigating the somewhat arcane, multilayered process for naming geographic features with the federal government.

After submitting his application last December, Ferrero got the blessing of the Lane County Board of Commissioners for Westview in February. The Department of State Lands, which technically owns the island, ruled that it had “no opinion” on the name change. Springfield officials haven’t weighed in on the proposal.

No person or other agency has objected yet, but the state names board is now seeking public comment on Ferrero’s pitch. The board, which acts as an advisory committee for its federal counterpart, will consider the name at its next meeting, on Sept. 7 in Bend.

If approved, the application will head to Virginia and the federal Board on Geographic Names, Fisher said, which would likely follow the recommendation of the Oregon board. But that could take another year to 18 months, he said.

“It’s quite an involved process,” Ferrero said. “I had no idea.”

If approved, however, the name then would be stamped onto any new map of the area produced by the federal government. It would also be entered into a powerful federal database that technology companies like Google use to create their online maps.

Fisher acknowledged that naming a small island in a river is quite unusual.

There are dozens of similar islands of various sizes and shapes just in Lane County on the Willamette and McKenzie rivers: only a few of the largest ones have been formally named.

But Fisher said Ferrero’s application reminded him of a recent push to name a 18-foot-high rock protruding from the Clackamas River after Rudyard Kipling, who wrote about fishing in the area in the late 1800s. In 2013, the federal board gave final approval to “Kipling Rock.”

“With no objection from the agency that owns the lands or others, (Ferrero’s application) will probably be approved,” Fisher said.
State names board seeks comments on naming island in Willamette River

The Oregon Geographic Names Board is seeking comments from the public on a name suggested by Springfield resident for an unnamed island in the Willamette River opposite Springfield’s Island Park.

The proposed name, “Westview Island,” will be considered by the board at its annual meeting in Bend, Sept. 7. The Island in the Willamette between Eugene and Springfield began forming in the 1950s and is forested. The proponent chose the name “Westview” because it is directly in view on entering Island Park.

To comment please, send written statements to Bruce Fisher, President, Oregon Geographic Names Board, (bruce.j.fisher@gmail.com)
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