
Policy: All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year Award Program
Adopted by Board of Park Commissioners: February 2023

The purpose of the All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year Award program is to recognize and honor outstanding volunteers in the community that have made significant contributions to improving the quality of the Bristol Park system. This policy establishes timeline and criteria for the program.

Annual Timeline for Program

- Call for Nominations (February)
- Board of Park Commissioners review nominations and votes to select the All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year (March-April)
- Award recipient is honored at the Annual Dinner on the Diamond which includes a free admission for the award winner and 1 guest of their choice (May)

Criteria

Nominees for the All-Heart Parks Advocate of the Year Award must meet the following criteria to be selected:

- An advocate, volunteer, or unpaid official
- An individual shall demonstrate outstanding contributions to parks and recreation in the form of land, money, services, equipment, in-kind labor or other relevant forms of donation or assistance rendered
- An individual that has received financial compensation for services rendered (i.e. employee, vendor) shall not be eligible
- Active commissioners and current elected city officials may not be considered for the award. Past commissioners and city officials may be considered
- Preference shall be given to Bristol residents when applicant credentials are equal, but non-residents that meet the other qualifications may be considered