

Community comments captured at the May 2019 community meetings regarding the neighborhood name.

- The legacy of Mr. Calhoun is at odds with the values of our Progressive and inclusive neighborhood
- I like the name East Maka Ska
- I don't like the name Uptown
- Is it premature to change the name of the neighborhood based on the lake name change since this is still being legally challenged?
- The name of the neighborhood doesn't have to reflect the lake name change.
- The current name incorporating Calhoun does harm to Dakota people. I am deeply sympathetic. This is an opportunity for our neighborhood to be leaders and to have a big impact as a small neighborhood.
- We could drop the East Calhoun name and just go with ECCO to be inclusive of all residents.
— nothing racist about "ECCO"
- I personally do not want to be represented by the name Calhoun.
- Let's keep the same acronym "ECCO" and have it stand for environmentally concerned citizens organization. — Focus on protecting the lake as a neighborhood
- I want to live in a neighborhood that makes me proud in all ways.
- Throughout this process there have been white people attacking other white people for being racist. I am worried about the divisiveness that is imbedded in this name change conversation.
- Some may choose not to vote or participate in this process because they may not have an opinion or not care and that should be respected as well.
- Consider renaming to East Coast Community Organization, this lets us keep the ECCO acronym

- We don't live in a vacuum. We are part of the society around us. The Dakota say that the land doesn't belong to the people. The people belong to the land.
- ECCO is a stupid name. I would like a name that is more poetic.
- The current name is fine
- This is Native American land so the neighborhood should not be named after Calhoun, who had nothing to do with this area or state.
- I came into this meeting with no opinion. After hearing the previous comments, I think we should focus on honoring the native peoples in our neighborhood name. It would be great for the neighborhood.
- Parkway name change process has been divisive.
- How about ECHO with the motto: "The ECHO that goes across the lake."
- Injustice and Racism are part of history unfolding. Memorializing historic process is OK. Doesn't justify keeping the name if we don't approve of how that history unfolded.
- I visited a museum in Munich and there was not any Jewish symbolism, nor any Nazi symbolism. It was left out, rather than included in the history. We need to be very careful about not changing history.
- We are spending so much energy and resources on this process of rebranding. There are so many important issues that we need to address in this neighborhood. Are we really focusing on the right things?
- If you're not from here or haven't lived here for a long time you don't have as much investment in the current name. Lake Calhoun is my history.
- The neighborhood name should respect more current history.
- This neighborhood is my history now. All opinions matter. I support changing the name of our neighborhood.
- Calhoun was an aggressive architect of slavery and of the secession of Confederate States. Promoted the inferiority of one race versus another — when you make mistakes, take responsibility and make a change

- Do we know the full repercussions of a neighborhood name change? Could it have a negative effect on bylaws, community branding, the neighborhood or business district?
- Be sure to use the bylaws of our neighborhood organization to guide the decision making process.
- Calhoun is part of our recent tradition, but not all traditions are good.
- In Chicago neighborhood names are sacrosanct. Why not give our neighborhood a name related to our actual history and true identity?
- We should honor the native American people whose land we occupy in our neighborhood. I support changing the name of our neighborhood.
- Could the lake name change impact the applicability of land use regulations around the lake such as the shoreland overlay district?
- Changing the neighborhood name should have no impact on the Shoreland Overlay District Ordinance.
- I was saddened by the Court of Appeals decision to overturn the renaming of the lake to Bde Maka Ska.
- I started to embrace the name change of the lake over time. I am in favor of changing the name of ECCO, since it includes Calhoun.
- Every society has some form of injustice. We shouldn't be so focused on trying to correct it.
- There was an active Community here before European settlers. We should give them more respect—don't honor Calhoun.
- We are worrying about the name of the neighborhood and lake rather than focusing on protecting the lake ecosystem. The environmental sustainability of the lake for people and wildlife should be treated as sacred as its name and history.
- Yale university guidelines for name changes adopted when they considered in renaming Calhoun College. https://president.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/CEPR_FINAL_12-2-16.pdf. [Excerpts]

— What is/was the persons tie to the place?

—Re-evaluate persons impact overall. Is that what is desired or does it reflect current values?

- I favor changing the name of the neighborhood. It could relate to the name of the lake or something different.
- Calhoun was viewed as too harsh even by fellow slaveowners. The name change may be painful, and complicate people's memories, but consider the loss that Native Americans feel.
- We need to consider all the interconnections.
- Our lake is the most abused lake of the chain of lakes "Dying of 1000 cuts."
Neighborhood needs to come together to re-focus on land-use proposals having environmental impacts on the lake
- Calhoun was involved in the Indian wars. Changing our name is one tiny thing we can do.
- Social norms are changing. If we want to be progressive, when we think of naming, think forward rather than looking to history. We are our own people. Being who we are is most important in considering new name options.
- Let's leave well enough alone, there are more important issues that need addressing.
- The current name of our neighborhood is problematic. I don't use it and I would prefer to have neighborhood name that I can be proud of.
- Buffalo Trails could be a possible name.
- It is not that hard to take on and pronounce a new name.
- We can look to the past. We can look to the future. We can look to each other.
- The name of the lake has changed, the neighborhood should too.
- If we truly want to respect the history and people who lived here, we should respect the ecosystem.

- I was horrified when I learned about John C Calhoun.
- The coverage from media and social media has amounted to social engineering.
- History and symbolism are important.
- I think it is interesting that we are having this discussion.