

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 249

Approved July 22, 2020

RESOLVED, That the Board of Park Commissioners is requested to re-name "Ardoene Park" to "Thomas Slater Park".

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Sabrina Mats
PRES.

Ram Kellor
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

[Signature]
Mayor

Date: 7/22/20

Thomas C. Slater was a Democratic member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 30 years, reaching the rank of Sergeant Major. He ran for office in 1994 and won and he continued serving until his death in 2009. He was a member of the House Finance Committee, and he spoke against cuts to welfare benefits and children's health care, opposed an executive order cracking down on illegal immigrants living in the state, and supported new fire codes. Medical marijuana access was a large focus for Slater and one of the final pieces of legislation that he sponsored involved the 2009 legalization of medicinal marijuana dispensaries in Rhode Island.

He was a Past Grand Knight and fourth degree member of the Cranston Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal service organization. He was also a longtime member of the Providence Democratic City Committee.

Tom Slater was married to Jody McKierman and they had three children Ellen, Gary, and Scott. He died on August 10, 2009 from lung cancer at his home in Providence

When Tom Slater died later in 2009, his son Scott Slater succeeded him in his position as a Providence State representative and is currently the State Representative for this area.