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**ALAMANCE NAACP REQUEST VOTE BY GRAHAM CITY
COUNCIL TO RENAME PARK TO HONOR WYATT OUTLAW**

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, the Alamance County Branch of the NAACP submitted a request to the Graham City Council to vote to rename Sesquicentennial Park, located at the court square in Graham, to “Wyatt Outlaw Park.”

The request, submitted by Barrett Brown, Alamance NAACP President, stated the following;

Given the history of the city and the culture of the present community, it would be a gesture of reconciliation to rename the park after the man who was hung by the neck on a tree. Wyatt Outlaw was appointed justice of the peace in Graham by Governor Holden. In response to his appointment a mob of racist insurrectionists removed him from his home by force. They lynched him in the public square. That event started what is known as the Kirk-Holden War.

There is considerable meaningful policy work that needs to evolve so that this country and this community can live up to their full potential. We need to be intentional about truth and reconciliation. We ask that this council take the initiative to commemorate the legacy of Wyatt Outlaw and the many contributions that he made to the City of Graham.

During the January 12th meeting, the Graham City Council agreed to add the name change to the agenda for the next meeting, which will be held virtually on February 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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