Ray Eames

Ray Eames, a Sacramento native, is internationally known as an American artist, designer, and filmmaker. In "creative partnership with her spouse Charles Eames and the Eames Office she was responsible for groundbreaking contributions in the field of architecture, furniture design, industrial design, manufacturing and the photographic arts.” (Wikipedia).

Ray has been described as a "matriarch of modern design." (Mercury News 2013). Ray Eames was born in Sacramento in 1912 and lived in Curtis Park as a young woman. She "graduated high school in a ceremony at Memorial Auditorium in 1931 and took classes at Sacramento City College." (Sactown Magazine). Ray moved to New York where she studied art with Hans Hoffman. Later she married Charles and started an artistic partnership with him that spanned decades and influenced both the world of art and modern furniture design. The California Museum celebrated Ray Eames with a year-long exhibition from February 2013 to February 2014.

Naming the new park after Ray Eames is a chance for the City of Sacramento to honor her memory, her life's work, and her international influence in design and arts.

In summary:
- Ray Eames has a direct historical link to the Curtis Park neighborhood.
- She is an internationally respected and honored designer and artist.
- Few parks in Sacramento are named after women who are an important part of our city's history.
- Sacramento's Parks and Recreation Design Team could create a unique park that reflects the work of Ray Eames. This could become one of the most interesting, engaging parks in the city.