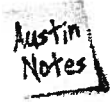


Delgado, Susan

From: austinnotes@ci.austin.tx.us
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To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Process under way to name Central Austin neighborhood Park



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Parks & Recreation

Process under way to name Central Austin neighborhood Park

The City of Austin begins today the naming process for a Central Austin neighborhood park adjacent to Zilker Elementary School.

The 4.57-acre property at 1900 Bluebonnet Lane includes a softball field, tennis courts, a playground, picnic tables and a quarter-mile trail. Today's announcement begins a 90-day period for public discussion about possible names for the park.

The facilities naming ordinance allows the parkland to be named after an individual(s) (living or dead) or something other than an individual such as a place or natural feature. A suggestion for naming a facility must include:

- If an individual - A biographical sketch; a description of the individual's involvement in the community; and the individual's connector if any, to the Austin park system.
- If other than an individual, include justification for the suggested name.

Deadline for submissions is June 28, 2010. After the deadline, the Parks Board will call a public hearing on the suggested names and make recommendations to the City Council for final approval. Nomination forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department's Main Office, 200 S. Lamar Blvd.; by calling (512) 974-6716; or online at www.cityofaustin.org/parks/namingform.htm.

Forms may be returned:

- Online at www.cityofaustin.org/parks/namingform.htm
- Submitted at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd.
- Faxed to (512) 974-6756.
- Mailed to Facilities Naming Nomination, Attn: Parks and Recreation Department, Planning, Design and Construction; 200 S. Lamar Blvd.; Austin, Texas 78704.

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Application for New Park Naming

Proposed Name for the Park:

Bluebonnet Park
Little Zilker Park

If proposing the name of an individual, include a biographical description of nominee:

N/A

Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

N/A

Describe the individual's connection to the park or park system, if any:

N/A

If proposing a name that is not an individual, summarize the reason for the name:

Background

Zilker Neighborhood Park, which is smaller than 5 acres, is directly adjacent to Zilker Elementary and it is very close to the larger Zilker Park that most Austinites know. Friends of Zilker Neighborhood Park (FZNP) seek a more distinctive name that would give the park an identity that is separate from both the school and the big Zilker Park. Renaming the park would help with some branding issues as many people assume it is part of the school campus. Further, a distinctive name can assist in boosting fundraising efforts.

Following are links to information about the park:

<http://www.austinparks.org/apfweb/park.php?&parkId=387>

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/parkdirectory.htm> (it is referenced as Zilker Park while the larger park is called Zilker Metropolitan Park)

The Process

FZNP first checked with the city's Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) about the possibility of renaming the park. It was confirmed that the name was taken from the elementary school and not for a person who donated land for the school. Therefore, we could proceed with the process. We settled on a process whereby our committee would submit the most popular finalist names to the PARC as opposed to narrowing the

recommendations to just one name. In the fall of 2009, we vetted this process with PARD chair, Linda Guerrero and she agreed that this process would be fine.

In May, we requested submissions for new names from the community and school through our neighborhood listserv (more than 500 members), neighborhood quarterly newsletter (delivered to all Zilker residents) and meeting and the Zilker Elementary PTA newsletter. We received more than 50 submissions.

In August, a committee comprising several volunteers representing the neighborhood and school, held a meeting and narrowed the field to two names based on guiding principles established prior to the meeting. Further, we developed a list of important community members (whose names were submitted) whom we will suggest recognizing by naming features of the park in their honor (for example: Doug Sahn Hill at Butler Park).

We hope to keep the community apprised of any PARD meeting dates related to the park renaming timeline so that everyone can be part of the process.

And the Finalists Are...

The two names that the FZNP committee is forwarding to the PARD board are Bluebonnet Park and Little Zilker Park. Both of these names were highly favored by the community. Bluebonnet Park was selected mostly because the park is on Bluebonnet Lane. Several people recalled bluebonnets growing in the park and indeed, there are bluebonnets growing now. There are no other Bluebonnet Parks in the city. Little Zilker Park is a name that some people in the neighborhood and school community already use to distinguish the park from the larger Zilker Park. Several people pointed out that there is a Little Stacy Park and Big Stacy Park in Travis Heights.

Further, the following people, whose names were submitted, merit special recognition in some meaningful way, which can be addressed in the years to come:

Joy and Andy Alexander—longtime Zilker neighbors and volunteers
Conrad and Shudde Fath—longtime Zilker neighbors and volunteers
A.D. Stegner—built several notable mid-century Zilker homes
Stevie Ray Vaughan—famous Texas musician who lived in Zilker and had many ties here, including family members and friends
Danny Roy Young—Zilker resident, beloved Austin restaurateur and musician
The Robinson Family—A longtime Zilker family with many historical ties, such as land ownership as well as having ancestors buried in Barton Springs Cemetery on Goodrich.

Date: March 10, 2010

Name of requester: Kim McKnight, on behalf of Friends of Zilker Neighborhood Park

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letter of recommendations, etc.

Direct questions to:

Ricardo Soliz

974-6765

Ricardo.Soliz@ci.austin.tx.us

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 9:06 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Heidi Fischer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Little Bluebonnet Park

The park which is next to Zilker Elementary has a boundary on Bluebonnet Lane.

Little Bluebonnet Park

The name serves the purpose of clarifying its location as well as being a reference to its location and to the beautiful flowers that often bloom there.

The current name is often confusing. Little Bluebonnet Park would be an easy transition and a name that would speak to all. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 8:35 PM
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John F Cunningham Jr.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Zilker Park

Andrew Jackson Zilker

Political figure, philanthropist. Landholder in area.

Businessperson; alderman; President of the Travis County School Board; founder of school-to-work program; indirectly donated Barton Springs and Zilker Metropolitan Park to the city.

Namesake of Zilker Elementary which is adjacent to Zilker Park and the Zilker neighborhood, which surrounds the park.

The park is currently named after him. Namesake of Zilker Elementary and of the Zilker neighborhood. Owned land nearby.

Continuity of naming with the neighborhood and the neighborhood school.

Besides, do we really have to rename everything?

The park already is named after Andrew Zilker. Why disrespect him by removing his name from the park? This park has been named Zilker Park for years; this is the Zilker neighborhood and the park is next door to Zilker Elementary. Furthermore, the city has lived for years with this park being named Zilker Park and the big one down the road being named Zilker Metropolitan Park without confusion, and the families living in Zilker have had no confusion when going to the park. Why change the name??? <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 1:12 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
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Michael Dobbs
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Gale Memorial Park
Jennifer Gale

You can read up about the late frequent city council meeting speaker at the following website,
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jennifer_Gale

She ran for different political offices in this city and tried to promote a positive view of this city.
It is in South Austin (78704 zip code) where they have a large portion of the population who advocate
alternative lifestyles, which is clearly what was Ms. Gale.
She was a frequent participant in civil discourse.

It is a recognition of all of her efforts over the years in Austin.
Please consider this proposal seriously since Ms. Gale took herself and her views in making this city a better
place seriously. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 11:50 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Tiffany West

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lone Star Park

The Only name fitting for a park in the Capital City of Lone Star State I feel we should have a park named after the state The LONE STAR State <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:54 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

gina diehl
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bluebonnet Park

Park is located on Bluebonnet Lane.
Current name causes this small park to often be confused with the Zilker Metro Park.
There are no other parks named after the wildflower.

This name is one of two submitted by hte Zilker Neighborhood Association after a year of soliciting the neighbors for names. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:04 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Mike Kempel
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Abraham Lincoln Park

As President, he built the Republican Party into a strong national organization. Further, he rallied most of the northern Democrats to the Union cause. On January 1, 1863, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds.... "

President who did the most for the well fair of the people of this nation since it was founded.

To my knowledge there are no parks or streets named in his honor in Austin.

Same as other historical people who have streets and parks named for them.

Should be obvious:

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President who did the most for the well fair of the people of this nation since it was founded.

I think it is a shame that a person who did so much to preserve our Union and suffered so much does not get honored the same way that Martin Luther King and Cesar Chavez here in Austin. Was Lincoln's contribution less than that of King? <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2010 2:40 AM
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Noah Deneau

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
William D. Jones Park

William DeWayne Jones, Sr.

Hopefully not much needs to be repeated about William Jones, APD officer killed in the line of duty in 2000.

3 years with the Park Police

Naming the park for Officer Jones would be a fine way to honor his memory and service to the city.

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Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2010 10:24 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Chuck Lancaster
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pretentious Park

Pretentious Park for all wanna-be oddly overt potheads, who want us to believe they are highly educated and well paid.

The area is central to park activists who live in Austin. These activists exemplify those in the community who are consumed with bitchin□ to and about PARD, yet they never lift a rake to spread mulch.

Screaming and shouting at public forums.

To shut 'em up!

To poke the activist in their eyes.

Pretentious Park sets the tone for like-minded folks to gather and complain about Austin city politics. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 11:17 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Ray V. Nevarez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Zilker Elementary Playground

We / Zilker Park-PARD service, pickup the trash, replace V-Ball nets and so on.
That's the name on the PARD sign, off of Bluebonnet Lane.

That's the name we / PARD is familiar with.
N/A <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 4:25 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Susan Milligan
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bluebonnet Park

Bluebonnet Park

It is on Bluebonnet Lane. Easy to understand and brings a happy feeling when a Texan thinks of Bluebonnets. People will not say huh when you tell them where to meet you. The state flower is part of nature and a park brings us into nature. You will however, have to plant some bluebonnets. Put a blue metal roof on the bathroom. You could say Blue bird I guess . Blue bird park on Bluebonnet Lane Keep it simple <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 11:47 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Sarah Powers
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Colonel Andy Park

Andrew Jackson Zilker

The same Andrew Jackson Zilker that the school is named after. Colonel Andy was his nickname. Zilker came to Austin with very little but by the end of his life became a prominent figure here. He was the last private owner of Barton Springs.

Zilker was a volunteer fireman, president of the Travis county school board, among various other involvements in Austin. He sold Barton Springs and surrounding land to the city, setting up an endowment for the school district.

Zilker Elementary is already named after Zilker, this would be a way to keep the park and the school tied to Zilker.

This would be another way to keep the park connected to Zilker, but not be confused with Zilker Park.

This would be another way to keep the park connected to Zilker, but not be confused with Zilker Park. I think this would be a catchy and interesting name that adds to the interest of the legacy of Zilker. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 2:03 PM
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Sarah Fusco

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bill Bunch Park
Bill Bunch

An environmental attorney with a local non-profit organization that often gets shafted by city government. SOS Alliance fights to protect the city's natural resources, namely water & land. Bill lives in the Zilker neighborhood; bought a house there in 1991.

Again, Bill has been a non-stop advocate & environmental attorney acting on behalf of Barton Springs & the Edwards Aquifer since he moved back to Texas in 1987. For more than 25 years he's fought to preserve the beautiful gem that is the City of Austin.

Bunch Park

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Slightly biased here. Bill is my boyfriend. And yes, I am a city employee. Just wanted to be upfront about that. :)

<P>

Regardless, the "Bunch Park" is fitting & this tireless community activist needs some recognition. <P>
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Delgado, Susan

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 12:14 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Kabrisha Lovett
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Julian Soliz

Julian Thomas Soliz

5 year old boy who was originally from Austin, Tx. His mother Jessica Salazar and father Leonard Soliz. His first 2 years of school he attended was at Perez Elementary.

He visited Soila's Hair Salon where his father worked. He helped sweep the floors, entertain customers, and pick up trash.

No connection to the facility, but he often visited Zilker Park. I know he would have enjoyed playing and making friends at this park as well.

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Julian was taken too soon. He was full of joy all the time. Julian enjoyed playing just about any activity. He was very sociable and loved people. He was very loving and may have lacked attention in his time on earth, but you would never know it because he was always happy and smiling. I believe he deserves something like this in his memory. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 9:19 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Richard Gravois

[REDACTED]
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rgravois@yahoo.com
Little Zilker Park

Little Zilker Park

I want to keep the traditional name and modify it a little bit.

Current name is Zilker Park. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 9:19 PM
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Subject: Facility Name Form

Eric P Miller
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran Memorial Park

Iraq/Afghanistan Veteran Memorial Park

I feel it would be a good idea to support the men and women of not just Austin, but Texas in general, who sacrificed or gave their lives in defense of this great city and State. There are no memorials for this recent conflict in our history, and I think a peaceful and scenic park as a place to sit and celebrate is a fitting memorial. I am an Iraq and Afghanistan combat veteran, and have always felt welcome in this city, and would like to show the great patriotism and support this community gives to those who serve our country and city. <P>

Delgado, Susan

From: veronica
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 12:31 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

veronica



Meditation Gardens

Meditation Gardens
It just fits in with the Austin Thyme
Just for the record I loved the name Zilker Park <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 11:42 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Camille Perry
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bluebonnet Lane Park

My children all attended Zilker Elementary School which is adjacent to this park when they were younger. Since Austin already has a park named Zilker we will need something different. It seems best to me to name it something that is descriptive of the location. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion. <P>

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Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 12:35 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Michael Cline

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~~_____~~

Music in the Park

Looking to move back to Austin.

Just saw this on the web site.
Austin really looks awesome <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 7:32 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Maria Fridley

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Zilker Blue Bonnetts Park

Zilker Blue Bonnetts Park

the elementary school full of children are as flowers waiting to bloom.

On a visit to Austin I noticed that everyone on the highway stopped and took pictures of themselves among the blu bonnetts on the side of the road. My husband and I saw many children and adults taking pictures. Wanting to be close to nature. <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 11:10 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Sarah Leach
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Edwards Park

It's in Edwards Aquifer, that's where we get our water, it's important to recognize such things.
Named after Edwards Aquifer <P>

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Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2010 8:36 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Louri O'Leary
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Barton Trail Park
Will Wynn Park

Former Mayor
Improvements to Austin downtown area
One of the best mayors we had
Barton Trail Park
Near Barton springs and trails I run on.

Both suggested names would be representative of our city. Thanks for the opportunity to participate. <P>

Delgado, Susan

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John F Cunningham
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Zilker Park

Zilker Park

Not needed, the Metropolitan Park has a different name and is easily differentiated in conversation.

The neighborhood park is currently named after the neighborhood.

Do we really need to change the name? Zilker Park is easily differentiated from Zilker Metropolitan Park.

<P>

Zilker Park was named decades ago after the adjacent elementary school and the neighborhood which it helps anchor. The people of the Zilker neighborhood have lived here for years without this being a problem, and in that time we have grown a neighborhood that we are proud of. Do we really need to take our name off of our community's park just because another park has a similar name? <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 9:33 AM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

David R. Rigney
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bluebonnet Zilker Neighborhood Park

Bluebonnet Zilker Neighborhood Park

This is a nomination for the name of the city park next to Zilker Elementary School on Bluebonnet Ave. Its current name makes for confusion with Zilker Park on Barton Springs Rd. We usually call it Little Zilker Park.

So why not call it "Bluebonnet" (on Bluebonnet Ave.)+"Zilker" (because it called Zilker now and is in the Zilker neighborhood next to Zilker elementary school, used primarily by Zilker Neighborhood residents).

Andrew J. Zilker and Charles A. Zilker were inventors of ice-making machinery. They deserve recognition for that, in addition to everything else they did. See:

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/RR/dqr1.html> <http://www.google.com/patents?q=zilker+ice&btnG=Search+Patents> <P>

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Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 12:07 PM
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Subject: Facility Name Form

Robin Kennedy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Stuart Strong Municipal Park
Stuart Strong

Former PARD Assistant director

For Stuart's dedication to Austin and PARD over the last 30 years

n/a

n/a <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 3:22 PM
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Facundo Sanchez
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Little Zilker

Sounds cool
seems appropriate <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Delgado, Susan
Subject: Facility Name Form

Robert Ruiz

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BlueBonnet Park

Street Name and area that it's in.

The City asked for input on the name.

n/a <P>

Delgado, Susan

Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2010 3:18 PM
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Faith Hill

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sarha Hensley

Sarha Hensley

To remind everyone that they might lose their job if not done her way.

None

The Director of Parks and Recreation

To learn from our mistakes and never repeat making a poor decision.

n/a

none

none <P>