



Application for Park Naming / Renaming

Please follow the instructions below when submitting an application for naming a park.

1. Complete the application by providing detailed information about the proposed park name. Please include supplemental information such as articles, letters of support and signature list with the application.
2. City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department must receive the application within the 90 day solicitation period in order for the application to be considered.
3. Send all inquiries to: Gregory Montes, 919 W. 28 ½ Street, Austin, TX 78705. For questions, please contact, Gregory Montes at 512-974-9458 or at gregory.montes@austintexas.gov

Proposed Name for the Park: Rev. Linda R. Pendergrass Park

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

Unity Church of Austin was founded in 1961 at the park location on Del Curto Road. During that time, Rev.

Linda R. Pendergrass was minister for over 11 years, the longest serving minister at the church. She was

funny and dynamic speaker that taught "Practical Christianity" to a congregation that swelled so large as

to require three services back-to-back every Sunday morning. Linda was a former police officer who

found her calling when she read the spiritual books left to her by a late aunt.

Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

In addition to her role as minister at Unity Church of Austin, Rev. Linda R. Pendergrass created one of the

first television ministries on Austin's cable access network. She was a speaker at human rights rally's on

the state capitol's steps and was an advocate for peace in the world. She cosigned a letter to President Bush

in 2001 urging changes to the President's Faith-Based Initiative to keep government funding and oversight

out of houses of worship. Her ministry welcomed all faiths and accepted members from all roles in society.

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

The Del Curto Park is built on the grounds where Unity Church of Austin, the church where Rev. Pendergrass taught was located. When the church property was sold to a developer, it was under the condition that the developer reserve this area of the property as a park for the city. During the time Rev. Pendergrass was the minister the church grounds often functioned as a park for the neighborhood and twice each year the church hosted carnivals for all the members and all the surrounding neighbors.

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

Date: Jan. 20, 2014

Name of requester: Charles W. Mitchell

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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

Direct questions to:

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