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**Application for Naming a Public Facility or Property**

Please follow the instructions below when submitting an application for naming a facility or property.

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 public comment period in order for the application to be considered.
3. Send all submittals to: Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Attn: April Thedford, 919 W. 28 ½ Street, Austin, TX 78705; (512) 974-9408; [april.thedford@austintexas.gov](mailto:april.thedford@austintexas.gov).

Proposed Name for the Facility or Property: Highland Neighborhood Park

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

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Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

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Describe the individual's connection to the facility or property, if any:

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**If proposing a name other than individual, summarize the reason for the name:**

Highland neighborhood's advocacy is responsible for this property becoming a park, including: Highland bringing the issue to City

Council members in 2013 asking that the property become a park. Highland residents then spent a year at several Council meetings,

emailing, writing letters to Council and the Park Board, getting 400 petition signatures, & attending public meetings for this park.

In August 2014 Highland secured a donation of \$70K in professional hours for the park, and met with Council members individually and

spoke at the 2015 budget hearings, asking that this be matched, and obtaining \$12,525 annual and \$87,475 one time funding

Name of requester: Marla Schmitz

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Austin Parks and Recreation Department

Attn: April Thedford

To whom it may concern,

Highland Neighborhood Association is extremely grateful for the progress being made by Austin's Parks and Rec in creating this neighborhood's first park. With the understanding that there is currently a call being made for name suggestions for this park, we would like to officially back the A Park for Highland's nomination of "Highland Neighborhood Park".

Although various names have been suggested, we feel "Highland Neighborhood Park" reflects the entire neighborhood's pride and contribution to getting this park built. Highland Neighborhood Association has been attempting to get a park built at this address for over 8 years, and feel this year's successes are entirely due to the huge amount of effort put into this project by a critical number of our neighbors, and we would love to see that recognized in naming it after all of us.

We also feel that Park and Rec's traditional naming convention - "neighborhood name park" is perfect, and entirely suitable in this instance as well. As we have no other parks in Highland, there's no possibility for confusion either.

This endorsement follows from a unanimous vote taken by the H.N.A. committee on Monday, November 3rd, 2014.

Kind Regards,

Alex Schmitz  
President, Highland Neighborhood Association  
(512) 921-8583

