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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: Jonathan Laughlin Memorial Park

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

Jonathan Laughlin was born in El Paso Texas on August 29th, 1990. He moved to South Austin with his mother in 2002. He attended Covington Middle School, Crockett & Akins High School. Jonathan loved Austin, loved and adored his sister Isabel, and his mother Sharon. Jonathan was a very funny and well liked young man. His sense of humor was amazing and he genuinely cared about those around him.

Jonathan was murdered on August 21, 2007 and his body was found at the Onion Creek Greenbelt Park on August 26, 2007.

Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

Jonathan was a well loved member of Austin and his family and friends. He was active in social activities and kept all those around him laughing.

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

Jonathan was murdered on August 21, 2007 and his body was discovered on August 26, 2007 at the park in question. He was murdered by a young man in an act of violence as he was shot in the face at close range. It is our request to name the park in his memory and or create a memorial for him at the park. The Jonathan Laughlin Memorial Park would be a wonderful name for the park and its residents while providing a legacy for a young man killed much too early.

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

Date: July 28, 2014

Name of requester: Mista M. Reyes

Address: 2200 Quicksilver Blvd Austin, Texas 78744

Phone Number: 512-552-2678

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

Direct questions to:
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