



# **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.

Proposed Name for the Facility or Property: Austin Tennis Center - Quick Start Courts

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

Ken McAllister - Tennis pro, Master Pro, inductee of multiple Halls of Fame, and Texas tennis leader retires 12/31/2014 from USTA Texas after a 24 year career growing the sport of tennis for adults, seniors, and children. Please see the attached Bio.

Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

In addition to being a successful tennis pro in the Austin area (Lakeway) for many years, Ken has been the Executive Director (ED) of USTA Texas (Austin, Texas) for 24 years. As ED, he has helped to shape the landscape of Austin tennis through his advocacy and and the creation of the Community Tennis Assoc. Expansion Plan (CTAEP). The CTAEP is an initiative designed to provides tens of thousands of dollars to local non-profit tennis associations. The Capital Area Tennis Association (Austin) has benefited greatly from these funds.

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

As Executive Director, Ken was a key figure in awarding Austin the ability to host the 2011 Davis Cup "Tie" (match) between USA and Spain. As is customary, the Davis Cup has a "Legacy" program that ventures to provide grant dollars to host cities for local tennis facilities/facility improvements. Those grant dollars were used to create the "Quick Start" tennis courts (small, 36x18 tennis courts for young players) that exist at Austin Tennis Center today.

If proposing a name other than individual, summarize the reason for the name:  We, the dedicated staff of USTA Texas, propose that the Quick Start courts at ATC be named
"The Ken McAllister Youth Tennis Complex". Several other variations on that proposed name would suffice.
Name of requester: Mike Carter
Address: 8105 Exchange Drive Austin Texas 78750
Phone Number: 512-633-3671
Email:

#### Ken McAllister -

High School Coach
Coached high school tennis in Snyder (1964-1970) – 3 UIL state titles
Helped to form UIL team tennis
Taught over 30 state and nationally ranked players

# Player

35 Texas rankings since 1971 Won the 1988 PTR National 45 Singles Championship Among his many honors, he was

Teaching Pro
Texas Pro of the Year twice (1976 and 1980)
A USPTA Master Professional since 1987

## Service

President of the Texas Tennis Coaches Association President of the USPTA Texas Division President of Texas Alliance Recreational Organizations President/Chair of USTA Executive Directors Committee President of National Public Parks Tennis Association

## **USTA Texas**

For 24 years (1991) Ken McAllister has overseen the growth and operations of USTA Texas as Executive Director. USTA Texas is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest section in the USTA family behind only Southern (9 states) and Midwest (5 states). Under McAllister's leadership, the USTA Texas Section's staff, budget, and membership have grown more than 50% respectively. His contributions to tennis players of all ages, abilities, and disabilities is immeasurable. Ken retires 12/31/2014.

Hall of Famer
Inducted into the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame in 2000
Inducted in the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame 2013
Inducted into Southwestern University Athletics Hall of Fame 2014