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December 10, 2007

City of Austin
Parks and Recreation Department
Attn: Facilities Naming Nomination
Planning, Design and Construction
200 S. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78704

Via Hand Delivery

Re: Butler Park; Naming of 21-acre downtown park west of the Palmer Events Center
between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find copies of the following documents which have also been submitted electronically to your office:

1. Facilities Naming Nomination Form;
2. Letter to Stuart Strong;
3. Historical background; and
4. Copies of Austin City Council minutes.

We would appreciate your consideration in honoring the family of Michael Butler by continuing to name the area "Butler Park" as indicated by the enclosed correspondence.

Please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Butler

SWB/dej
Enclosures

Facilities Naming Nomination

Butler Park; 21 Acre Park Between Parmer Events Center and Railroad

Person Making Nomination:

Stephen Wood Butler, on behalf of the Butler family including Brian Butler Hunt, Michael "Dick" Richards Butler, Stephen Wood Butler, John "Russ" Russell Butler, Meta-Margret Carson, Michael Limerick Butler, Meta Butler Hunt, and Libby Butler Santos

Address:

c/o Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody
401 Congress Avenue, Suite 2200, Austin, Texas 78701
Attn: Stephen W. Butler

Phone Number:

512-480-5714

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Suggested Name:

Butler Park

If a person:

Butler Park

Biographical Information:

In 1873 Irish immigrant Michael Butler founded the iconic Butler Brick Company south of the Colorado River. The Butler Brick Company owned and operated its business on considerable property that roughly includes southern Colorado River frontage to Barton Springs Road from Barton Creek to South First. This area includes Auditorium Shores, Butler Pitch and Putt, the Parks and Recreation Office, Palmer Events Center, Long Center, and importantly the new park between the Palmer Center and the railroad.

By 1900 some brick plant operations moved to Elgin, and the name of the company was later changed to Elgin-Butler Brick Company. However, brick operations continued around the Colorado River in Austin until the early 1940s. The company was a vital

member of the early Austin community, and delivered millions of Butler bricks used in the construction of the Texas Capitol and other buildings in Austin.

In 1941, during one of Mayor Tom Miller's terms in office, the Butler Family fulfilled one of Michael Butler's desires and wishes that 91 acres south of the Colorado River be given to the City for park and recreation purposes by conveying such land to the City of Austin. Although nominal consideration was given by the City for the 91 acres only to reimburse the family for some taxes paid, the Butler Family always considered the conveyance a gift to the community.

On February 20, March 5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores".

Civic Involvement:

In a resolution adopted March 5, 1964, the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished service and generous contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin. The Council also then recognized that Michael Butler's sons, John Francis Butler and Thomas James Butler, his grandsons, Michael Wood Butler, Thomas James Butler, Jr., and Martin Butler, and grandson John Russell Butler (also joining this nomination), were continuing the tradition of industry and interest in the community affairs of Austin.

In 1964, the Austin City Council recognized such civic, business and philanthropic activities in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores".

There are now two additional generations of Butler men and women who continue the family tradition of service to the Austin community through business, civic and philanthropic interests.

Reason for Nomination:

The Austin City Council has already named the property "Butler Civic Center" due to the donation of the parkland to the City, historical business leadership, and longstanding civic involvement of the family of Michael Butler. Specifically, on February 20, March

5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center".

In 1941, the Butler family donated 91 acres including this property to the City of Austin for civic use.

The Butler family has continued this history of civic service and community volunteerism since 1873 and deserves continued recognition.

The people who use these parks should have the opportunity to know the interesting intersection of history and natural resources and early Austin families such as the Butlers that helped build Austin.

Additional Comments:

We respectfully request that the current City Council honor the intent of the 1964 City Council and continue to name the parkland and new improvements after the family of Michael Butler. "Butler Park" would be an appropriate name because the property is currently primarily used as a recreational park.

THE BUTLER FAMILY
C/O STEPHEN W. BUTLER
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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701
512.480.5714, SBUTLER@GDHM.COM

November 27, 2007

Via Email

Mr. Stuart Strong
City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
200 South Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78704

Stuart.Strong@ci.austin.tx.us

Re: Naming of Butler Park and New Park Facilities Near Palmer Events Center

Dear Mr. Strong:

The quality of life value added by Lady Bird Lake and its surrounding parks and trails is immeasurable for the City of Austin and its inhabitants. The City's efforts to recognize and remember the people and events that shaped Austin's interesting history considerably adds to the park experience for many members of our community.

We understand the Parks and Recreation Department is accepting nominations to name the recently opened 21 acre downtown park west of the Parmer Events Center between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road. Although we are submitting an online nomination through the website, we would like to take the opportunity to write to you personally to recommend that the property continue to be named "Butler Park" in honor of the family of Michael Butler who donated the land for civic use.

On February 20, March 5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores", but the sign that once existed was removed several years ago. Unknown to most who now use these public grounds is an interesting intersection of history and natural resources that helped build Austin.

In 1873 Irish immigrant Michael Butler founded the iconic Butler Brick Company south of the Colorado River. By 1900 some brick plant operations moved to Elgin, and the name of the company was later changed to Elgin-Butler Brick Company. However, brick operations continued around the Colorado River in Austin until the early 1940s. The company was a vital member of the early Austin community, and delivered millions of Butler bricks used in

the construction of the Texas Capitol and other buildings in Austin. Six generations of Butlers have continued Michael Butler's business and civic involvement in our community.

In 1941, during one of Mayor Tom Miller's terms in office, the Butler Family fulfilled one of Michael Butler's desires and wishes that 91 acres south of the Colorado River be given to the City for park and recreation purposes by conveying such land to the City of Austin. That acreage roughly includes southern Colorado River frontage to Barton Springs Road from Barton Creek to South First. This area includes Auditorium Shores, Butler Pitch and Putt, Palmer Events and Long Centers, and importantly the new park between the Palmer Center and the railroad. In fact, we believe the location of the Austin Parks and Recreation offices is very near the old Butler home and within this acreage conveyed to the City. Although nominal consideration was given by the City for the 91 acres only to reimburse the family for some taxes paid, the Butler Family always considered the conveyance a gift to the community.

Today, little historical recognition remains publicly because the "Butler Shores" sign no longer exists and much of the Butler Civic Center was renamed for other distinguished community leaders. In addition, there are no historical markers that describe the unique history of this area.

We hope that this letter will encourage the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department to recommend the following action:

- Recognize (or rename) the new park as "Butler Park" to honor Michael Butler and his family that donated the land and the intent of the prior City Council.
- Accompany the sign with a historical marker that describes the interesting history of the intersection of industry and geology, including the Butler family's brick company that contributed to the construction of Austin.

We welcome assisting the City with development of the historical markers and any questions or requests. Enclosed is a brief summary of the early Butler history in the Park area and supporting documentation. Please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Butler at 512.480.5714 or sbutler@gdhn.com, Brian Butler Hunt at brianbhunt@sbcglobal.net, or Dick Butler at dbutler@elginbutler.com, at any time. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Butler Hunt
Stephen Wood Butler
Michael "Dick" Butler
Meta-Margret Carson
Libby Butler Santos

John "Russ" Butler
Michael Limerick Butler
Meta Butler Hunt

Brief Historical Background

The history of Austin was largely shaped by its environment and its early inhabitants. The Butler Family were some of Austin's early families that have contributed a great deal to the community. Specifically, the Butler Family and Elgin-Butler Brick Company essentially produced the brick from the clays of the Colorado River floodplain to help build Austin. The foundation of the Capitol building is layered with Butler Brick.

The Butler Brick Company was founded in Austin in 1873 by the Irish Immigrant Michael Butler. Michael Butler's plants in Austin obtained their clay from the alluvium along the Colorado River (Figure 1) and was mined with mules and wagons (Figure 2). The first plant was located north of the river at the end of East Avenue (I-35 today), but was soon abandoned due to frequent flooding. The second plant and clay mines were located south of the river between South First and Barton Creek until 1912. In 1912 a fire destroyed the second plant and the company leased the A.J. Zilker clay pits (Zilker Soccer Fields today) and hauled the clay via tram lines to the third plant site, where Austin High School is today, and operated until 1942. The double-tower supports for the tram line are still present today in front of Austin High.

Upon returning from studying Ceramic Engineering at Ohio State in 1899, John Butler (Michael's son) began a search for better quality clays in Texas. In 1900, while inspecting firewood used for firing bricks in Austin, John discovered an exposure of a "good looking clay" five miles east of Elgin along Sandy Creek. A plant was constructed and began operation in 1901 and continues today known as Elgin-Butler Brick Company.

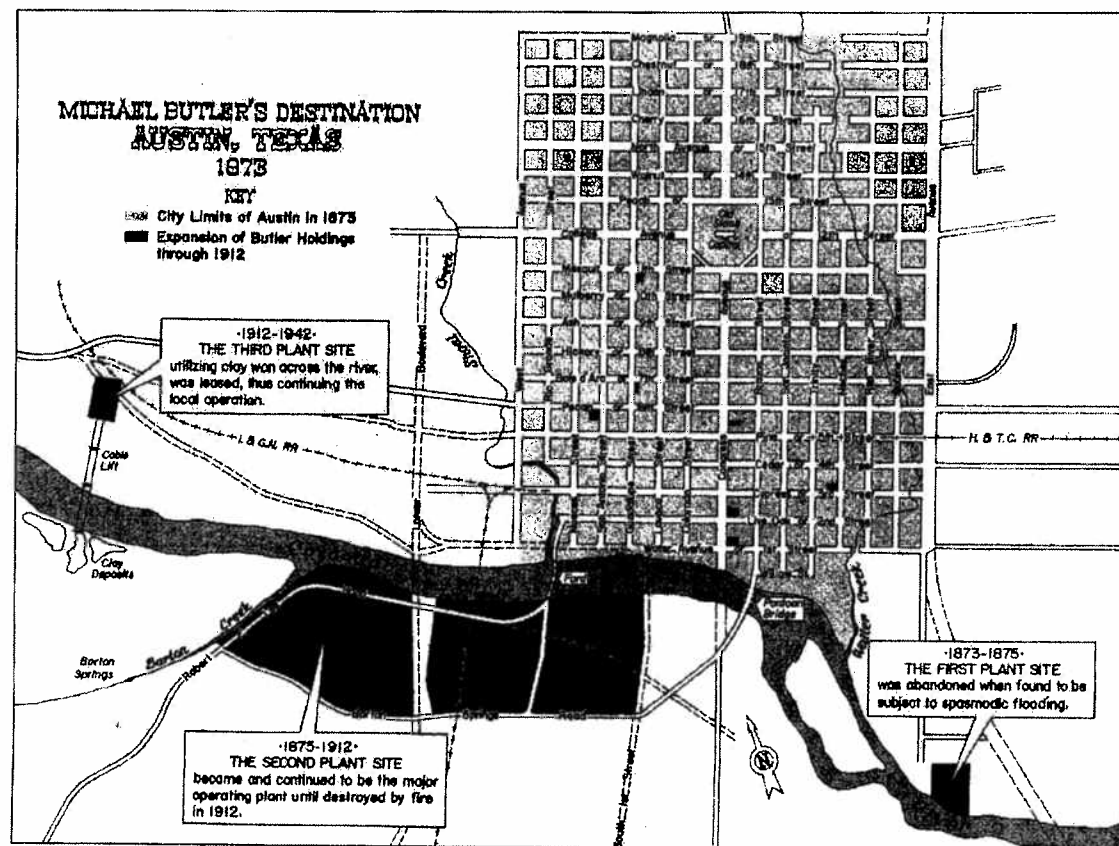


Figure 1. Map of Austin illustrating the Butler Family's brick plant locations from 1873-1942. Map from Watkins Harris (1963)

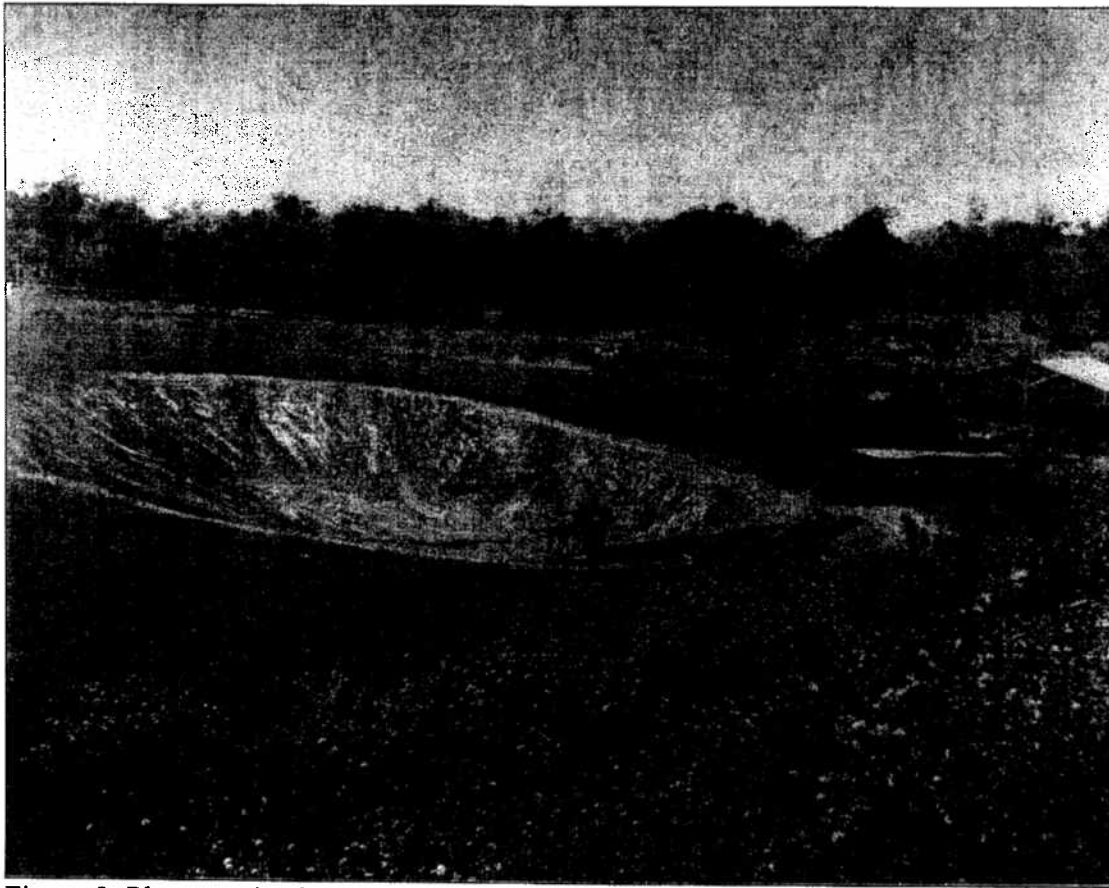


Figure 2. Photograph of a team of mules scraping the clay a clay pit, most likely an alluvial source of clay located along the Colorado River in Austin at one of the early EBBC locations.

- Attachment A: March 6, 1964, Resolution of the Austin City Council Naming 49.49 acres as Butler Civic Center.
- Attachment B: June 23, 1968, Correspondence from Mike W. Butler to Austin Community Foundation describing the donation of Butler Park.
- Attachment C: June 28, 1941, Deed of Land to the City of Austin.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, between the years 1873 and 1909, Michael Butler developed a thriving addition to the economy of his community in brick and ceramics, and rendered distinguished service by generously contributing to the civic and cultural life of the City; and

WHEREAS, three generations of Butler men; his sons, John Francis Butler and Thomas James Butler; his grandsons, Michael Wood Butler, Thomas James Butler, Jr. and Martin Butler; and great grandson John Russell Butler are continuing the tradition of the industry developed by Michael Butler and his interest in the community affairs of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the 49.49 acres of land in the Isaac Decker League which was conveyed to the City of Austin from the estate of the late and beloved Michael Butler for less than its full value, now serves as one of the most valuable assets of the City as the site of Austin's magnificent auditorium, its coliseum, the Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce offices, the armory for the Naval and Marine Reserve, offices of some City departments, various playing fields, and a part of the City's frontage on Town Lake; Now, Therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the 49.49 acres of land in the Isaac Decker League conveyed to the City of Austin by deed dated June 28, 1941, of record in Volume 681, Pages 199-203 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, shall hereafter be officially known as "Butler Civic Center" in honor of the life and services of the late and distinguished Michael Butler; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in keeping with the spirit of the man being today honored, this action of recognition and appreciation shall, in no manner, be construed as being intended to impair in anywise, the full and unrestricted freedom of the City he loved, to develop all or part of said land for any

use which the governing body of the City shall from time to time find to
be in the best interests of posterity.

ADOPTED: March 5, 1964

APPROVED: March 5, 1964

Horton E. Palmer
Mayor
Ernie LaRue
Emma Borg
Ben White
Lauri F. Shanks

ATTEST:



Elmer Stanley
City Clerk

ELGIN-BUTLER BRICK CO.
P.O. BOX 1947
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767

File
Personal
Home
June 23, 1978

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Y
Mr. Beverly S. Sheffield, Executive Director
Austin Community Foundation
P. O. Box 5875
Austin, Texas 78763

Dear Beverly:

Various members of my family, as well as relatives, who have been approached for donations, in connection with the Austin Community Foundation, have inquired as to why Michael Butler is not included as one of the Heritage Founders.

Since I am presently the oldest member of the third generation of our family, it seems that I am usually delegated to handle various family matters, and hence this letter.

"Butler Park", as you are aware, was acquired by the City a number of years ago during one of Mayor Tom Miller's terms in office. This acquisition was the result of a desire and wish of my grandfather, Michael Butler, that this some ninety-odd acres lying along the River and Barton Creek be given to the City for park and recreation purposes.

When Mayor Miller became aware of this he contacted members of my family, and while one of them in particular demurred about honoring my grandfather's wish, the acquisition was finally made by the city on the basis that taxes in amount of some \$60,000.00, which had been paid on the property, be refunded to the family.

I am familiar with this since I was handling Butler Estate Properties at the time and was involved in this transaction, and I well remember Mayor Miller's statement to the effect that this was the best and greatest acquisition ever made by the City - up to that time.

Whether or not this qualifies Michael Butler as a Heritage Founder, I do not know, however, I can state that practically all of my grandfathers descendants and particularly the ones that really count, have always

FROM
ELGIN-BUTLER BRICK CO.
P.O. BOX 1947
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767

Mr. Beverly Sheffield
June 23, 1978
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looked at this as an outright gift to the City, and from my own
personal knowledge, so did Mayor ~~Tom~~ Miller.

Your advise and consideration, as ever, is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mike W. Butler

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In testimony whereof witness my hand this 2 day of July, 1941.

W. A. Felsing.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

COUNTY OF TRAVIS.) Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W. A. Felsing, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 2 day of July, A. D. 1941.

Harold Gatlin.

(Notary Seal).

Notary Public, Travis County, Texas.

Filed for record August 8, 1941 at 8 A. M. Recorded August 9, 1941 at 9:25 A. M.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,)

COUNTY OF TRAVIS.)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, John F. Butler and Thomas J. Butler, both of the County of Travis and State of Texas, and Margaret B. Walne and her husband, Walter H. Walne, of the County of Harris and State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) to us in hand paid by the City of Austin, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said City of Austin, a municipal corporation situated in Travis County, Texas, four (4) tracts or parcels of land, each being within the limits of the City of Austin, and each being a part of the Isaac Decker League in Travis County, Texas, said tracts or parcels of land being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. One. Containing 49.49 acres of land and consisting of portions of Lots 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10 of Division or Block "A" of the partition of the estate of James E. Bouldin deceased, a map or plat of said partition being of record in Book U, page 78, of the Minutes of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, which 49.49 acres of land is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the east line of the right-of-way of the I-G.N.R.R. which iron stake is also in the north line of Barton Springs Road as same is established as of this date, which iron stake is also the most northwesterly corner of a tract of land designated as Tract No. 1 in a deed of conveyance from Mrs. Mary J. Butler, et al, to the City of Austin by deed of date April 29, 1930, of record in Volume 454, pages 98 to 100, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas;

Thence following the east right-of-way line of the said I-G.N. RR. N. 28° 13' E. 1245.11 feet to an iron stake in the south line of an old county road sometimes called Robert E. Lee Road, but known today as Riverside Drive;

Thence following the south line of said Riverside Drive with the following seven (7) courses;

S. 36° 32' E. 653.51 feet to an iron stake;

S. 55° 04' E. 189.53 feet to an iron stake;

S. 53° 50' E. 153 feet to an iron stake;

S. 48° 32' E. 141.9 feet to an iron stake;

S. 53° 01' E. 455.43 feet to an iron stake;

S. 52° 20' E. 288.26 feet to an iron stake and

S. 31° 35' E. 488 feet to an iron stake in the west line of South 1st Street;

Thence following the west line of South 1st Street S. 30° 57' W. 503.90 feet to an iron

stake in the north line of Barton Springs Road, which iron stake is the northeast corner of the aforementioned Butler to City of Austin tract;

Thence in a westerly direction following the north side of the aforesaid Butler to City tract (these lines on the ground being one and the same, but the calls herein being slightly different from those in said deed) the same being a curving line whose degree of curvature is $19^{\circ} 05'$, the subchord of which curving line bears $N. 78^{\circ} 54' W. 41.47$ feet to an iron stake;

Thence $N. 55^{\circ} 54' W. 1812.15$ feet to the point of curvature of a curve whose intersection angle is $10^{\circ} 49'$ whose tangent distance is 99.99 feet, and whose radius is 1056.19 feet;

Thence following said curving line to the left an arc distance of 199.39 feet, the long chord of which arc bears $N. 72^{\circ} 18' W. 199.11$ feet to an iron stake at the point of tangency of said survey

Thence $N. 77^{\circ} 43' W. 229.17$ feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO. TWO:

Containing 7.88 acres of land and being a portion of Lot 11 of Division or Block "A" of the partition of the estate of James E. Bouldin, deceased, a map or plat of said partition being of record in Book U, page 78, of the Minutes of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, which 7.88 acres of land is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the west right-of-way line of the I-G. N. R.R. which iron stake is in the north line of Barton Springs Road as of this date as evidenced by the monumented centerline of said Barton Springs Road and which point of beginning is also the northeast corner of a tract of land described as Tract No. 2 in a deed of conveyance from Mary J. Butler et al. to the City of Austin, by a deed of date April 29, 1930 of record in Volume 454, pages 98 to 100, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas;

Thence following the north side of said Butler to City tract, the same being the north line of the aforesaid Barton Springs Road, $N. 77^{\circ} 43' W. 238.4$ feet to the point of curvature of a curving line whose degree of curvature is $6^{\circ} 55'$;

Thence following said curving line to the right an arc distance of 9.05 feet, the subchord of which arc bears $N. 77^{\circ} 44' W. 9.05$ feet to an iron stake in the east side of Fredericksburg Road, which iron stake is the northwest corner of aforesaid Butler to City tract; Thence following the east side of Fredericksburg Road $N. 29^{\circ} 53' E. 1373.96$ feet to an iron stake in the south line of a road sometimes called Robert E. Lee road but known today as Riverside Drive;

Thence following the south line of said Riverside Drive $S. 58^{\circ} 38' E. 238.83$ feet to an iron stake in the west right-of-way line of the I-G.N. RR.;

Thence following said right-of-way line $S. 28^{\circ} 13' W. 1279.4$ feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO. THREE:

Containing 0.60 of one acre of land and being a portion of Lot 12 of Division or Block "X" of the partition of the estate of James E. Bouldin, deceased, a map or plat of said partition being of record in Book U, page 78 of the Minutes of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, which 0.60 of one acre of land is more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the west right-of-way line of the I-G.N. RR. which iron stake is also in the north line of a street or road sometimes called Robert E. Lee road

but known today as Riverside Drive, and from which point of beginning the northeast corner of the 7.88 acre tract No. Two described above bears S. 28° 13' W. 40.03 feet;

Thence following the west line of the said I. C. N. RR N. 28° 13' E. a distance of approximately 125.17 feet to the waters edge of the Colorado River;

Thence up the waters edge of the Colorado River N. 65° 09' W. 234.56 feet to an iron stake in the east line of Fredericksburg Road; Thence S. 29° 58' W. approximately 93 feet to an iron stake in the north line of Riverside Drive and from which iron stake another iron stake at the northwest corner of the aforementioned 7.88 acre tract bears S. 29° 58' W. 40.03 feet; Thence following the north line of Riverside Drive S. 58° 32' E. 237.54 feet to the point of beginning

TRACT NO. FOUR:

Containing 33.70 acres and being more particularly described by notes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake in the north line of Butler Road, which iron stake marks the southwest corner of a tract of land containing 0.689 68/100 acre of land conveyed to the City of Austin by Henry Paggi by deed of date December 6, 1940, of record in Volume 560, pages 261-263, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, and from which point of beginning an iron stake at the intersection of the north line of said Butler Road with the west line of Lamar Boulevard bears S. 60° 04' E. 100.5 feet;

Thence following the north line of Butler Road, N. 60° 04' W. 290 feet to an iron stake;

Thence S. 29° 58' W. 25.8 feet to an iron stake at the northeast corner of a one acre tract of land owned by R. T. Spaw;

Thence following the North line of the Spaw tract and the Lincomb tract N. 60° 04' W. 130.8 feet to an iron stake in the east line of a tract of land owned by R. P. Toomey;

Thence following Toomey's east line N. 29° 35' E. 303.5 feet to an iron stake at Toomey's northeast corner; Thence following the north line of said Toomey tract N. 59° 48' W. 300 feet to an iron stake at the northwest corner of this Toomey tract and the northeast corner of another tract of land owned by the said R. P. Toomey;

Thence following the north line of the last mentioned Toomey tract and the Frank McPhail four acre tract and water right N. 60° 02' W. 1227.72 feet to an iron stake in the waters edge of Barton Creek;

Thence down the east side of Barton Creek following the waters edge of same with the following four courses:

N. 60° 56' E. 148.8 feet to an iron stake;

N. 56° 46' E. 467.0 feet to an iron stake;

N. 41° 33' E. 110.7 feet to an iron stake; and

N. 71° 40' E. 130.35 feet to an iron stake in the waters edge of the south side of the Colorado River;

Thence down the south side of the Colorado River following the waters edge of same with the following eight (8) courses:

S. 78° 45' E. 72.53 feet to an iron stake;

S. 63° 45' E. 251.1 feet to an iron stake;

S. 59° 10' E. 150.65 feet to an iron stake;

S. 63° 19' E. 301.75 feet to an iron stake;

S. 55° 32' E. 221.20 feet to an iron stake;

S. 54° 51' E. 185. feet to an iron stake;
 S. 61° 51' E. 153.73 feet to an iron stake, and
 S. 61° 19' E. 140.72 feet to an iron stake in the west line of Lamar Boulevard;
 Thence following the west line of Lamar Boulevard S. 20° 47' W. 523.65 feet to an iron
 stake at the southerly corner of a tract of land containing 0.521 of one acre conveyed to
 the City of Austin by John F. Butler et al. by deed of date December 31, 1940, of record
 in Volume 586, pages 249-250 of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas;

Thence S. 20° 58' W. 544.2 feet to the point of beginning.

To have and to hold the above described tracts of land together with all and singular
 the rights and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging unto the said City of Austin, its
 successors and assigns, forever, and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and
 administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the
 said City of Austin, its successors and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully
 claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

Witness our hands this the 28th day of June, 1941.

John F. Butler.
 Thomas J. Butler.
 Margaret B. Walne.
 Walter H. Walne.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, |

COUNTY OF TRAVIS. | Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
 John F. Butler, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
 instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consider-
 ation therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, on this the 5th day of July, 1941.

Ralph Walburn

(Notary Seal).

Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, |

COUNTY OF TRAVIS. | Before me, the undersigned authority on this day personally ap-
 peared Thomas J. Butler, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the fore-
 going instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and con-
 sideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, on this the 8th day of August, 1941.

Mrs. K. M. Tyson.

(Notary Seal).

Notary Public in and for Travis County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, |

COUNTY OF HARRIS. | Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally ap-
 peared Walter H. Walne and Margaret B. Walne, his wife, both known to me to be the persons
 whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they
 executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and the said
 Margaret B. Walne, wife of the said Walter H. Walne, having been examined by me priv-
 ily and apart from her husband, and having the same fully explained to her, she, the said
 Margaret B. Walne, acknowledged said instrument to be her act and deed, that she had will-
 ingly signed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and that she
 did not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand and seal of office, on this the 28th day of June, 1941.

Fanny M. Grant.

(Notary Seal).

Notary Public in and for Harris County, Texas.

Filed for record August 8, 1941 at 4:15 P. M. Recorded August 9, 1941 at 10:15 A. M.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company a Massachusetts corporation having its principal place of business in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, Massachusetts for and in consideration of the advantages which will accrue to it by the construction of the electric transmission and/or distribution line hereinafter described has granted, sold and conveyed and by these presents does grant, sell and convey unto Texas Power & Light Company an easement and right-of-way for an electric transmission and/or distribution line, consisting of variable numbers of wires, and all necessary or desirable appurtenances (including poles made of wood, metal or other materials, telephone and telegraph wires, props and guys), at or near the location and along the general course now located and staked out by the said Company, over, across and upon the following described lands located in Williamson and Travis County, Texas, to-wit:

Being a description of the Texas Power & Light Company's Round Rock Rural Distribution Extension, Pflugerville Tap Lines (Project No. 1395) as now surveyed and located across the land of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company in the Geo. Grimes Survey Williamson and Travis Counties, Texas.

Beginning at a point in the south line of a county road. Said point being 4573, feet, more or less, southwest of a point where said road line intersects the west line of a county road. Said intersection being a northeast property corner on the land of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Thence southeasterly 1 foot, more or less, to an angle pole and its attached guy at Survey Station 56 plus 16 equals 56 plus 11 equals 0 plus 00. Said guy to extend in the same southeasterly direction for an additional distance of 23 feet, more or less, to a guy anchor.

Thence easterly 320 feet, more or less, to a distribution pole and its attached guy at Survey Station 3 plus 20. Said guy to extend in the same easterly direction for an additional distance of 25 feet, more or less, to a guy anchor. Said distribution pole being located 75 feet more or less, northwest of a tenant house occupied by A. J. Sandberg.

Beginning again at an angle pole at Survey Station 36 plus 16 equals 36 plus 11 equals 0 plus 06.

Thence southwesterly 1 foot, more or less, southeast of and parallel to the south line of a county road 5539 feet, more or less, to an angle pole and its attached guy at Survey Station 91 plus 50. Said guy to extend in the same southwesterly direction for an additional distance of 23 feet, more or less, to a guy anchor. Said distribution pole being located 10,112, feet, more or less, southwest and 1 foot, more or less, southeast of the above described northeast property corner on the land of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Not more than 12 poles, 0 stubs, and 3 guys shall be erected along the course of said line.

Subject to the rights of any tenant or person in possession. Together with the right of ingress and egress over its adjacent lands to or from said right-of-way for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, inspecting, patrolling, hanging new wires on, maintaining and removing said lines and appurtenances; the right to re-locate the lines in the same relative position to the adjacent road if and as warranted in the future; the right

THE BUTLER FAMILY
C/O STEPHEN W. BUTLER
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STUART,
I'VE KNOWN THIS
FAMILY SINCE I WROTE
100. I HAVE MORE THAN 13 YEARS
RIGHT NOW & DO TO
RECOGNIZE THEIR CONTRIBUTION!
THANKS,
Stuart

November 27, 2007

Mr. Stuart Strong
City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
200 South Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78704

Via Email
Stuart.Strong@ci.austin.tx.us

Re: Naming of Butler Park and New Park Facilities Near Palmer Events Center

Dear Mr. Strong:

The quality of life value added by Lady Bird Lake and its surrounding parks and trails is immeasurable for the City of Austin and its inhabitants. The City's efforts to recognize and remember the people and events that shaped Austin's interesting history considerably adds to the park experience for many members of our community.

We understand the Parks and Recreation Department is accepting nominations to name the recently opened 21 acre downtown park west of the Palmer Events Center between Riverside Drive and Barton Springs Road. Although we are submitting an online nomination through the website, we would like to take the opportunity to write to you personally to recommend that the property continue to be named "Butler Park" in honor of the family of Michael Butler who donated the land for civic use.

On February 20, March 5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores", but the sign that once existed was removed several years ago. Unknown to most who now use these public grounds is an interesting intersection of history and natural resources that helped build Austin.

In 1873 Irish immigrant Michael Butler founded the iconic Butler Brick Company south of the Colorado River. By 1900 some brick plant operations moved to Elgin, and the name of the company was later changed to Elgin-Butler Brick Company. However, brick operations continued around the Colorado River in Austin until the early 1940s. The company was a vital member of the early Austin community, and delivered millions of Butler bricks used in

Posada, Dolores

Sent: Monday, December 10, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Posada, Dolores
Subject: Facility Name Form (TL - Butler Park)

Stephen Wood Butler, on behalf of Brian Butler Hunt, Michael "Dick" Richards Butler, Stephen Wood Butler, John "Russ" Russell Butler, Meta-Margret Carson, Michael Limerick Butler, Meta Butler Hunt, and Libby Butler Santos
401 Congress Avenue, Suite 2200, Austin, TX 78701
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Butler Park

In 1873 Irish immigrant Michael Butler founded the iconic Butler Brick Company south of the Colorado River. The Butler Brick Company owned and operated its business on considerable property that roughly includes southern Colorado River frontage to Barton Springs Road from Barton Creek to South First. This area includes Auditorium Shores, Butler Pitch and Putt, the Parks and Recreation Office, Palmer Events Center, Long Center, and importantly the new park between the Palmer Center and the railroad.

By 1900 some brick plant operations moved to Elgin, and the name of the company was later changed to Elgin-Butler Brick Company. However, brick operations continued around the Colorado River in Austin until the early 1940s. The company was a vital member of the early Austin community, and delivered millions of Butler bricks used in the construction of the Texas Capitol and other buildings in Austin.

In 1941, during one of Mayor Tom Miller's terms in office, the Butler Family fulfilled one of Michael Butler's desires and wishes that 91 acres south of the Colorado River be given to the City for park and recreation purposes by conveying such land to the City of Austin. Although nominal consideration was given by the City for the 91 acres only to reimburse the family for some taxes paid, the Butler Family always considered the conveyance a gift to the community.

On February 20, March 5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores".

In a resolution adopted March 5, 1964, the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished service and generous contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin. The Council also then recognized that Michael Butler's sons, John Francis Butler and Thomas James Butler, his grandsons, Michael Wood Butler, Thomas James Butler, Jr., and Martin Butler, and grandson John Russell Butler (also joining this nomination), were continuing the tradition of industry and interest in the community affairs of Austin.

In 1964, the Austin City Council recognized such civic, business and philanthropic in resolutions and actions that (i) officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center" and (ii) officially named the southern Colorado River shore from Barton Creek to Lamar Bridge as "Butler Civic Center West." In addition, the City Council named the southern shores of what is now known as Lady Bird Lake near the Austin Parks and Recreation offices as "Butler Shores".

There are now two additional generations of Butler men and women who continue the family tradition of service to the Austin community through business, civic and philanthropic interests.

The Austin City Council has already named the property Butler Civic Center due to the donation of the parkland to the City, historical business leadership, and longstanding civic involvement of the family of Michael Butler. Specifically, on February 20, March 5, July 2, and July 16, 1964 the Austin City Council recognized Michael Butler's addition to the Austin economy and distinguished contributions to the civic and cultural life of Austin in resolutions and actions that officially named the 49.49 acre tract, presently consisting of the Town Lake Park to be renamed, Palmer Events Center, and the Long Center, as "Butler Civic Center".

In 1941, the Butler family donated 91 acres including this property to the City of Austin for civic use.

The Butler family has continued this history of civic service and community volunteerism since 1873 and deserves continued recognition.

The people who use these parks should have the opportunity to know the interesting intersection of history and natural resources and early Austin families such as the Butlers that helped build Austin.

We respectfully request that the current City Council honor the intent of the 1964 City Council and continue to name the parkland and new improvements after the family of Michael Butler. Butler Park would be an appropriate name because the property is currently primarily used as a recreational park. <P>



November 30, 2007

Mr. Stuart Strong
City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
200 S. Lamar Blvd
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Stuart:

My good friend, Meta Margaret Carson, asked me to send you a note regarding her family's petition to name the newest Austin park after her family, the Butlers, who originally donated the land.

I have been involved in the Austin community for many years mainly through the Keep Austin Beautiful organization. Meta Margaret has been involved in KAB efforts for many years, and I know several members of her family are involved in local non-profit organizations as well. In fact, there are five generations of Butlers that continue to contribute to the Austin community today.

Honoring the very family who originally donated the land for the park not only is a tribute to the family, but it also just makes sense practically. The history adds to the name of the park and certainly their donation of this land helped to contribute to Austin's signature/landmark downtown beauty. With the ever-growing "corporatization" of Austin, it is important that the city maintain at least some of its roots, lest Austin just become another generic concrete jungle with the likes of Dallas and Houston.

Please consider naming the new city park "Butler Park" to honor both the history of the land and the Butler family and their generous donation to the City of Austin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth J. Doty".

Beth J. Doty

Delgado, Susan

From: Alexander, Jason
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 11:14 AM
To: Soliz, Ricardo
Cc: Delgado, Susan
Subject: FW: Webadmin - Name for Park

Ricardo/Susan,

Please include this in our naming records.

Jason Alexander

From: Webadmin, Austin City Connection
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 11:12 AM
To: 'mewes4444@austin.rr.com'
Cc: Parks, PARD Admin; Cole, Sheryl; Dunkerley, Betty; Kim, Jennifer; Leffingwell, Lee; Martinez, Mike [Council Member]; McCracken, Brewster; Wynn, Will
Subject: RE: Webadmin - Name for Park

I am forwarding your e-mail to the Parks Department and the Mayor and Council for handling.

I hope this is helpful.

Thank you for contacting the Austin City Connection, official Web site of the city of Austin.

Robin Hart
Public Information Specialist
Austin City Connection
www.cityofaustin.org
(512)974-3329

From: mewes4444@austin.rr.com [mailto:mewes4444@austin.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 10:51 AM
To: Webadmin, Austin City Connection
Subject: Webadmin - Name for Park

Date/Time Submitted: Thursday, 3/6/08, 1050 hours

From: Austin Parks and Recreation Board of Directors:

E-mail address: mewes4444@austin.rr.com

Subject: Name for Park

Comments:

3/6/2008

The City of Austin's Parks Board and City Council is considering a new name for the recently opened park with the interactive water fountain and observation hill that is just south of Auditorium Shores and west of the Palmer Events Center. I would like to send a email recommendation for the park to be named Butler Park after the Butler family who donated this land plus 91 acres of land that made Austin a city that has beautiful space for all its citizens, young, old, rich, poor William H. & Mewes M Goetzmann