

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Approve naming of the .219 acres (9,548 sq.ft. triangular median) of parkland at the confluence of South First and Cesar Chavez Streets just south of Austin City Hall.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

The Parks and Recreation Department(PARD)received a request on May 28, 2009, to name the .219 acres of parkland in front of City Hall as the Hofmann Triangle. On May 29, 2009, the City of Austin Public Information Office (PIO) began the official 90-day period requesting nominations from the general public to name the parkland.

After the 90- day period, which ended on August 26, 2009, PARD received 24 nominations for the naming of the triangle. On October 13, 2009, the Land & Facilities committee of the Parks Board heard public comment on the suggested names and forwarded all of the nominations from the community to the Parks & Recreation Board for action.

On October 27, 2009, the Parks and Recreation Board voted to move forward with all the names submitted to PARD for naming of parkland without a recommendation to the City Council on a vote of 5-0.

Attached is a summary table that lists all of the names submitted to PARD for consideration during the 90-day period.