

South Lamar Neighborhood Association

Park Name Vote report to City Council, 26 June 2014

At the City Council meeting on 12 June 2014, a resolution was passed instructing the South Lamar Neighborhood Association to make a final decision between the two names submitted to the Parks Board in Aug 2013, Del Curto Park and South Lamar Neighborhood Park.

On 19 June 2014, SLNA held its regular scheduled general membership meeting. **At that meeting a motion passed that requests City Council name the park "South Lamar Neighborhood Park,"** in recognition of the multi-year effort of many, many members of the South Lamar Neighborhood in coordination with COA and Parks staff to bring the park into existence. The motion passed by a 3 to 1 margin.

We also re-discussed the supporting of naming the bridge into the park, the Tom Lasseter bridge with a plaque or other special commemoration, but again Mrs Lasseter declined any compromise with the democratically expressed wishes of the Neighborhood association. She has been advised and encouraged to seek alternative solutions from City Council.

Regards,
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Details:

The membership discussed the process. We let Ms Lasseter to address the membership for about 10 minutes followed by Q & A's regarding her preferred park name. The discussion did include the possibility of discarding the previous vote and allow new names to be considered. Some discussion included the need to respect the previous voting process. A motion to consider new names failed and it was decided to choose between the two finalists. Motion was made to rescind the motion to limit it to the two finalists but that motion fail on a vote of 3 to 1.

The motion on the name South Lamar Neighborhood Park was made. A substitute motion was made to name the park Tom Lasseter. The substitute motion failed by a 3 to 1 vote.

The main motion to name the park the South Lamar Neighborhood Park passed by a margin of 3 to 1.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted at
http://southlamar.org/docs/SLNAMeetingMinutes_06192014.pdf