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## Process begins to name park pavilion in honor of neighborhood leader

### For immediate release:

Nov. 7, 2006

Austin residents would like to rename the Boggy Creek Greenbelt Pavilion, 1114 Nile St., after a local community leader.

Beginning today, Nov. 7, 2006, the City of Austin will seek public comment on proposed name changes for the facility. Today's announcement begins a 90-day period for public discussion about possible names for the project. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5, 2006.

Facilities may be named after individuals (living or dead) or something other than an individual such as a place or natural feature.

Names proposed for the center would honor:

- Ora Lee Nobles, a well known community leader in East Austin.
- Elizabeth "Liz" Snipes, an advocate for the Rosewood Glen Oaks Neighborhood.

After the Feb. 5 deadline, the Austin Parks and Recreation Board will call a public hearing on the suggested names and make recommendations to the City Council for final approval.

An online nomination form is at [www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/namingform.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/namingform.htm). Forms also are available at the Parks and Recreation Department, 200 S. Lamar Blvd. or by calling (512) 974-6745.

Forms may be returned online, at the Parks and Recreation Department, faxed to (512) 974-6756 or mailed to Facilities Naming Nomination, attn: Parks and Recreation Department, Planning, Design and Construction, 200 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78704.

A suggestion for naming a facility must include:

- If an individual: A biographical sketch, a description of the individual's involvement in the community, and the individual's connection, if any, to the facility or activity for which the facility will be used.
- If other than an individual: Justification for the suggested name.

**Contact:** Victor Ovalle, (512) 974-6745

14-1-34 PROCEDURE FOR RENAMING A FACILITY.

(A) A person may submit a suggestion for renaming a facility or endorse a previously submitted suggestion. A suggestion or endorsement must be submitted to the director as provided by this section. The director may promulgate forms for this purpose.

(B) On initiation of the renaming of a City facility under Subsection 14-1-32(D) (*Naming Policy*), the director shall notify the persons listed in Subsection 14-1-33(C) (*Procedure for Naming a Facility*), and the public information officer shall disseminate the information as provided in Subsection 14-1-33(D) (*Procedure for Naming a Facility*). A notice under this section shall state that the facility is being renamed.

(C) A suggestion for renaming a facility must include:

- (1) if the suggestion is an individual's name, a biographical sketch of the individual whose name is suggested, a description of the individual's involvement in the community, and the individual's connection, if any, to the facility or to the activity for which the facility will be used; or
- (2) if the suggestion is not an individual's name, justification for the suggested name; and
- (3) an estimate of cost to the City for replacement of signs and plaques.

(D) A suggestion or endorsement must be received by the director no later than the 90th day after the date of the director's notice under Subsection (B).

(E) As soon as practicable after the deadline for receiving suggestions and endorsements, the director shall submit completed suggestions and endorsements to the chair of the City advisory board that the director finds to have appropriate jurisdiction.

(F) On receipt of the suggestions and endorsements the City advisory board shall hold a public hearing and provide its recommendation in the same manner and within the same time prescribed in Subsection 14-1-33(G) (*Procedure for Naming a Facility*). The city manager shall provide information to the council, and place an item on the council's agenda regarding the renaming of the facility in the same manner as prescribed Subsection 14-1-33(H) (*Procedure for Naming a Facility*).

(G) The council may by resolution establish different criteria and procedures for the renaming of a particular facility. If a facility is partially funded by another entity, the council shall consider that entity's concerns in renaming the facility.

Source: 1992 Code Section 15-7-21; Ord. 031204-12; Ord. 031211-11.



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# APPLICATION FOR FACILITY NAMING

I/WE Lennie M. Nobles Cook request that the name of Mrs. Lee Nobles and/or Spencer and Mrs. Le Nobles be considered for the Person

Boggy Creek Pavilion facility located at 1174 Nile Street (Austin, TX).

**Biographical Synopsis:** Mrs. Lee Nobles (and Spencer Nobles 83 yrs old) was born April 28, 1921 in Austin Travis County, Texas. She attended and graduated from the Austin Public Schools. She & husband Spencer were married to 5 years. They had one child, (a daughter) Lennie Mae Nobles Cook. The Nobles owned and operated the Rosewood Episcopal Center 40 years, retiring July 1992 selling their property to the Rosewood Episcopal Church. They were members of Holy Cross Ep. Church on E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. They died 6 days apart in July 2004, and were buried at Rosewood.

**Individual's Involvement in the Community:** President and Vice President of Blackstar Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association. Responsible for 32 Non-Profit Low-Income homes in Blackstar Area. Received Award as Austin Living Legends by Village Newspaper. Received Award from Board of Austin Realization Authority (ARA) was a board member of (ARA) & board member of the Legal Aid of Central Tx. Recognized - awarded F.T.B. Award 245 "Five Wholes". Received from Low-Income Housing the 2001 The Texas Housing Award. Member of the EOE Project, Urban Renewal and received the Lady Walter Award from the (S. D. Perry) Memorial Business Development Center (TX).

**Individual's Connection to the Facility:** No connection until the area the facility was built. They contributed money for the settlement and quality of life, i.e. they organized Neighborhood Clean up, contacted & saw to proper traffic & street lights. The the Elderly by providing paint for inside & outside of homes. Worked with Holy Cross Episcopal Priest to provide food for the Homeless. was a representative from community going to the City Council for their community.

I/WE will pay full cost yes or will participate 75 % in the cost of

replacement of signs and plaques.

Submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2006.

Lennie M. Nobles Cook

Signature

Lennie M. Nobles Cook 1004 Windsor Trail (512) 836-3822

Printed Name

Address

Contact Phone Number

\* See attachment

I am writing you requesting that you name the Boggy Creek Pavillon to be located at 1114 Nile Street, in honor of my mother Mrs Ora Lee Nobles.

Ora Lee Nobles dedicated her life in service to God and in helping others establish a positive, productive, family life by providing homes in the East Austin community. Her goal was to re-organize and to become a civil rights advocate for the Blackshear/Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association. She had a dream and a determination to maintain the neighborhood by continuing in her effort to re-build a community of affordable homes that low-income families could purchase and live the American Dream. Under her leadership thirty-two (32) Non-profit, low-income homes were built in the Blackshear neighborhood.

Mrs. Ora Lee Nobles and her husband Spencer Nobles owned and operated the Rosewood Barbeque Center forty-years (from 1957-1997) and they became well known for their generosity and love of people through-out the city of Austin.

In 1964 the Nobles' organized the Blackshear/Prospect Hill Neighborhood Association. A small group from the neighborhood drove to San Antonio, Texas, talked with people in the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. They went to the Austin City Council, secured a loan via a Federal Grant. They became well known to the City Council members. With funds available, Blackshear Neighborhood Development Corporation (BNDC) a Non-profit organization built thirty-two (32) homes in the community. This all became possible and a reality by years of hard work, becoming members of various community organizations, going to the City Council meetings, fighting for the neighborhoods, and becoming well known civil rights activist. They were joined on some occasions by another community leader, Ms. Ona B. Conley who lived a half of a block from their café who frequently met with them at their business and they planned their next community task and their next appearance to speak at the City Council.

Because of her exemplary work and notable civic accomplishments, in 2004 Ora Lee (and husband Spencer) was honored and received an award at the dedication ceremony of the Charles Urdy Plaza by Austin Revitalization Authority's (ARA's) Byron Marshall, who recognized her (them) for her community accomplishments. She received many awards, which include the 2001 Texas Houser Award from the Texas Low-Income Housing Development. 1991 she was selected by KTBC Channel 24 for their "Five Who Care" award for the work she had done in the community. She was a member of the Board of Legal Aid of Central Texas until her death. She was an active board member of the Austin Board of Revitalization Authority, EOE Project, and Model Cities. Her name is engraved in the corner stone on the building at Rosewood Park, where her name appears with such notables as than Mayor Dan Davidson, former AISD Superintendent Ira B. Curruth, Ex-Councilman Lowell Leverman (just to name a few). In 1994 Ora Lee (and husband Spencer) was honored as an Austin Living Legend by the Villager (a neighborhood newspaper) along with such notables as School Board member Bernice Hart (retired). She



received the Lady of Valor award from the US Department of Commerce Minor Business Development Agency (Austin area). She worked with the Urban Renewal League.

Many City Council meetings were attended by Mrs Nobles (Spencer and Ona B. Conley) together fighting for the Rosewood, Blackshear, and Prospect Hill communities. City Council members came and went, and she was well known and respected by them all, including one or two who continue to be members on the council.

In 1997 The Nobles retired and sold their property to Rosewood Avenue Baptist Church. After Mrs. Nobles retired from their restaurant business she became a fulltime civic activist, devoting even more of her time to the neighborhood's needs until her untimely death July 27, 2004 (with Spencer, her husband dying six days before her, July 21, 2004).

An esteemed graduate of the Austin Independent School District, and a Cosmetology graduate at the age of seventeen (17), graduating from the then Crescent School of Beauty, she became a licensed beautician. She continued her climb in the field of Cosmetology, she became the second African American Cosmetology Instructor in Texas (the owner of the beauty school Mrs. Christian was the first). Students came from all over Texas to get their training and to get their license. She owned her own beauty shop, which her parents built for her on Mill Street (located off of East 9<sup>th</sup> street). Her beauty shop remains standing today in it's original location. She became a substitute teacher in Cosmetology for the Austin Independent School District, working at such schools as Travis, Crockett and Lanier High Schools.

I hope you will honor all of her accomplishments and agree that she is indeed worthy.

My name is Lennie Mae Nobles Cook. I am the daughter and only child of Spencer and Ora Lee Nobles. I am submitting this entry. I have Newspaper articles, Plaques, Photographs, awards, a Proclamation from Senator Gonzalo Barrientos, and a letter of support (if needed) from Representative Dwanna Dukes, Travis County Commissioner Ron Davis, Ex- City Councilman Daryl Slusher and the Pastor and congregation of the Rosewood Avenue Baptist Church.

I reside at 1009 Wisteria Trail,

Austin, Texas, 78753.

My phone number is 512-836-3822

Email address: jofcook@aol.com

I am retired from the Austin Independent School District, retiring in 1998 as an Elementary School Counselor at Linder Elementary School.

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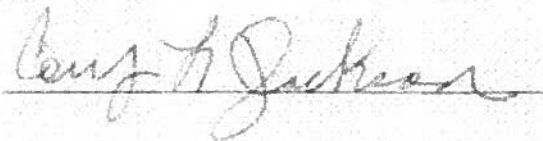
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Mrs. Nobles helped many in her community to become home owners and to fight to preserve the richness of the Blackshear Neighborhood Association. Mrs. Nobles served all races, classes, and genders.

It is not often enough that we honor or recognize those who have been pioneers in making our communities sanctuaries. Here is yet another opportunity we have to rename the Boggy Creek Pavilion with a truly 'NOBLE' servant, warrior, mother, friend, and community activist indeed. You all have my vote, nomination and participation.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Wooley  
1510 Gregory  
Austin, Texas 78702

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Sincerely,

Georgina L. L. L.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Austin, Texas 78702

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Sincerely,

*Barbara Henderson-Alexander*  
*Ruth Henderson*



# The Senate of The State of Texas

GONZALO BARRIENTOS  
STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 14

P.O. BOX 12988

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November 20, 2006

Mr. Ricardo Soliz, Director  
City of Austin Parks and Recreation Dept.  
200 South Lamar  
Austin, Texas 78704

RE: Renaming Boggy Creek Pavilion in honor of Ora Lee Nobles

Dear Mr. Soliz:

I want to wholeheartedly support the renaming of the Boggy Creek Pavilion in honor of Ora Lee Nobles.

Ora Lee Nobles and her husband Spencer were a team of hard working community activists and business people with whom I had many opportunities to work. Mrs. Nobles was a diligent worker with the Austin Urban Renewal League, Central Texas Legal Aid, Model Cities and many other programs in which she sought to help her beloved East Austin and the needy and impoverished people in all parts of Austin. She and her husband helped spur activity that saw the Blackshear Neighborhood Development come to fruition making 38 low-income housing units available to those needing homes.

Mrs. Nobles was a businesswoman, who along with her husband ran Rosewood Barbecue, a successful endeavor, in the heart of East Austin. They ran their business with the same wonderful attitude that made them such beloved members of their community.

I hope that you will give all due consideration to the effort to rename Boggy Creek Pavilion in honor of Ora Lee Nobles. She was a neighborhood champion, a woman of great insight and of tremendous energy, who worked hard to make Austin the wonderful place that it is for all of us.

Sincerely,

Gonzalo Barrientos  
State Senator

GB/yv



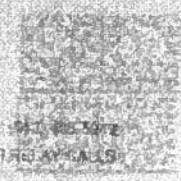
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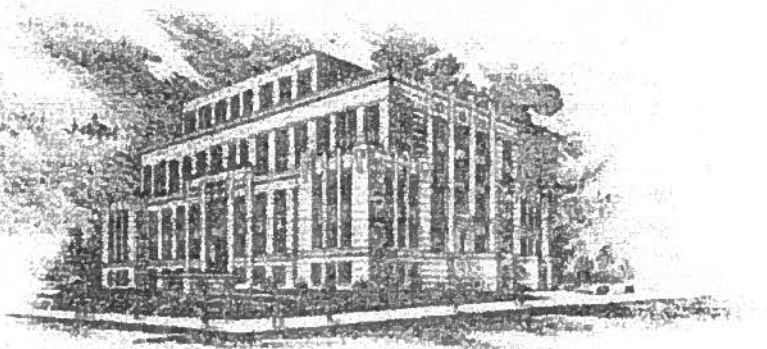
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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767  
P.O. BOX 1748  
854-9111 FAX 854-4897

November 20, 2006

Mr. Ricardo Soliz  
Director of Austin Parks & Recreation  
200 South Lamar Blvd  
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: Renaming The Boggy Creek Pavilion for Mrs Ora Lee Nobles

Dear Mr. Soliz,

It is my pleasure to recommend that the Boggy Creek Pavilion be re-named in honor of Mrs. Ora Lee Nobles. This would be a fitting tribute in light that this is the area that she spent a great deal of her life fighting to protect.

Along with her husband Spencer Nobles, she was instrumental in the redevelopment of the Blackshear Prospect Hill Neighborhood. As president and her husband as co-chair of the Blackshear Neighborhood Development Corporation, 28 houses for low-income families were built.

Mrs Nobles worked diligently with many organizations to help improve her community. She worked with the Urban Renewal League, Legal Aid of Central Texas and the Board of revitalization to name a few. The Spencer and Ora Lee Nobles Hope Center still provides a place for community meetings and after-school computer learning for local youth.

Mrs Nobles achievements stand as a role model for what a dedicated citizen can do. It would be a fitting tribute to her service to this community to rename the Boggy Creek Pavilion for her.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ron Davis", written over a circular stamp.

Ron Davis  
Travis County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Austin Parks & Recreation Planning Dept.  
200 South Lamar Blvd  
Austin, Texas 78704

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**Posada, Dolores**

**From:** Dusty\_McCormick@Dell.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2006 2:04 PM  
**To:** Posada, Dolores  
**Subject:** Rosewood Neighborhood Contact Team Submission -Naming the Pavilion in Boggy Creek

Ms. Posada:

Below is our submission for renaming the Boggy Creek Park Pavilion. We feel that Ms. Snipes represents all of the people in this multi-ethnic grouping of neighborhoods.

Let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Thank you.

Dusty

Elizabeth Snipes (known in her neighborhood simply as "Liz") devoted over twenty years of her life to the Rosewood Glen Oaks Neighborhood and deserves to be remembered by naming a permanent structure in the neighborhood for her.

She moved to the neighborhood 1984. Prior to the establishment of a formal neighborhood organization in Rosewood-Glen Oaks, neighborhood people just worked together. The neighborhood leaders were people who had been living in the neighborhood the longest. Neighborhood people joined together to call the City on trash or traffic matters or similar things. The most successful projects Liz and the neighborhood accomplished were the first construction of new single family homes in Glen Oaks since urban renewal nearly 20 years earlier:

- o Five new single family homes on Glen Oaks Drive in 1984, and
- o Ten new single family homes on Glen Oaks Court in 1985.

These new homeowners were mostly young families and were multi-ethnic.

Liz and her neighbors created the formal Rosewood-Glen Oaks Neighborhood Association in November 1985. Liz became the third president and remained President of the neighborhood until June of 2006 when illness forced her to retire from active neighborhood leadership.

The neighborhood association accomplished all the following as a result of her leadership:

- o Multiple neighborhood beautification efforts during the 1980s.
- o Set up Neighborhood Watch through the Austin Police Department in the 1980s.
- o Working to reduce problems caused by students at the Alternative School from the 1980s to 2006.
- o Providing input and assistance to the City regarding plans for the Onie B. Conley-Roy G. Guerrero Senior Activity Center, which was dedicated in March 1988.
- o Obtaining non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service in the 1990s.
- o Receiving and administering funds for a neighborhood beautification program during the 1990s.

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**Posada, Dolores**

**From:** gilbertorivera [gilbertorivera@grandecom.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 8:36 PM  
**To:** Posada, Dolores  
**Subject:** Re: Pavilion on Boggy Creek

Sorry, Elizabeth Snipes  
Gilbert Rivera

— Original Message —

**From:** Posada, Dolores  
**To:** gilbertorivera  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2007 8:12 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Pavilion on Boggy Creek

This one is to support which naming?

*Dolores*

**From:** gilbertorivera [mailto:gilbertorivera@grandecom.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2007 7:29 PM  
**To:** Posada, Dolores  
**Subject:** Pavilion on Boggy Creek

Ms. Posada,  
I would like to see the new pavilion being built on the Boggy Creek Green Belt. She lives only two blocks from the green belt and has been a leader for over 20 years in protecting it and our neighborhood.  
Gilbert Rivera

2/5/2007

**Person making nomination: (required)**

Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center Guild, Inc.  
Dr. John Q. Taylor King, President

**Address: (required)**

808 Nile St.  
Austin, TX 78702

**Phone Number: (required)**

512-472-1705

**E-mail: (not required)**

N/A

**Suggested Name if a person: (required)**

Onie B. Conley

**Biographical Information & Civic Involvement:**

Onie B. Conley was born to Maggie and John Conley on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Austin, Texas in the early part of the twentieth century. She was the youngest of four children. Her parents, one brother, Willie Roy Conley, and two sisters, Josephine Ligon and Mamie Sue Owens, all preceded her in death.

Ms. Conley was educated in the public schools of Austin, attending Gregory Elementary (now Edward L. Blackshear Elementary) and Old Anderson High School where she graduated valedictorian. She began her post-secondary education at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson). While there, she worked as a domestic to help with college expenses and was a member of the Dragonettes and the YWCA. A talented athlete, she participated on the varsity teams of Girls' Basketball, Softball, Baseball and Tennis. As a campus volunteer, she helped coordinate plays and other fundraising activities to help the Librarian, Mrs. B. Lovinggood, purchase furniture and books for the library. In recognition of her hard work, she received awards for *Best Student* in both academics and extracurricular activities for two years. She graduated from Samuel Huston College with an B.A. Degree

After graduation, she began teaching in the Austin Independent School District. In a career that spanned 43 years, she taught General Science, Physical Education, Earth Science, Sex Education and Life Science. A consummate and dedicated educator, throughout those more than four decades in the classroom, Ms. Conley was absent only one day.

Onie B. Conley's summers were consumed with postgraduate education and other teaching assignments. She pursued summer teaching opportunities at Alcorn College in Mississippi, Prairie View College and Huston-Tillotson College. Additionally, she

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engaged in summer postgraduate study at the University of Colorado in Boulder and eventually received her M.S. Degree from Columbia University in New York, specializing in science.

As dedicated to the community, as she was to her career, many non-profit organizations were the beneficiaries of Ms. Conley's time, talent, and financial resources. Those organizations include Girl Scouts of America, Inc., American Red Cross, Holy Cross Hospital, Austin Dramatic Club, Salina Center, George Washington Carver Library and Museum, American Association of University Woman, Old Bakery Emporium, Capital Metro, Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board and many others. As a participant in the Blackshear Neighborhood Group, she served as the liaison between the neighborhood and the City Council, championing such causes as new streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters for East Austin; benches and shelters for bus riders; and ramps on sidewalks for the handicapped in wheelchairs. Her East Austin advocacy efforts also resulted in the 10,000 square foot George Washington Carver Library and the use of the old library for a Carver Museum. This experience provided the groundwork for securing the senior center that bears her name, Conley-Guerrero, and the subsequent South Austin Center that ultimately became a reality because of her well-researched lobbying efforts with city officials. As testimony to the confidence in her abilities, elected officials selected Onie B. twice as a representative to the White House conference on Aging. The senior centers, the library, her advocacy for community improvement and her advocacy for the elderly are the greatest elements of her legacy to the City of Austin.

Another passion for Onie B. was her sorority. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for nearly 60 years, Onie B. was always active and involved. In 1994, she received honors as a Golden Sorority (50 years of membership) and was presented with a lifetime membership by members of Beta Psi Omega Chapter. She served the local organization as vice President for two years and Treasurer for eighteen years. True to her calling, she chaired the Community Projects Committee for thirty years. A Christian woman, Ms. Conley, affiliated with the A.M.E. Churches, Masonic Family Eastern Star, Lettie Madison Chapter and the Mt. Bonnell Lodge, Chapter 1. Onie B. Conley's contributions to the Austin Community and the people of Austin are too numerous to assign to a brief biography of her life. Suffice it to say that her life was dedicated to people – first to the young as a teacher, and then to the aging as she joined their ranks. From her 43 years in the classroom, to her work in securing two senior centers, to the new affordable housing units in East Austin, this City and its residents will long remember and revere the life of Onie B. Conley as one of service.

**Connection to facility:**

Ms. Onie B. Conley was a go-getter for the community. If she saw a need, she did research, interviewed people, consulted architects and helped develop plans for the betterment of the community.

The Boggy Creek Pavilion would not have become a reality with the efforts of Ms. Conley. She had the idea, vision and time to get in touch with architects, work on block grants, CIP money and be at the City Council Meetings every week. Many of her

Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center friends and Advisory Board members made sure she had transportation to the many places she needed to go to make the Boggy Creek Pavilion a reality.

Ms. Conley worked constantly on the Boggy Creek Pavilion project for over ten years.

**Reason for nomination:**

Ms. Conley gave sweat and blood, energy and many dollars of her own in order to make things happen. Ms. Conley had a commitment in Austin and especially East Austin. She had been involved in many urban renewal and other projects. One of her major commitments in East Austin was working on projects that positively affected the elderly. At the time, there was not a decent place for the seniors to go to socialize, eat together, exercise and enjoy recreational activities. With Ms. Conley's persistence, the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center became a reality. This project took approximately six years to complete. The Boggy Creek Pavilion was her dream for people to gather, have bands and evening functions in a park setting. No one, two or three persons in our area spent more time to help make this pavilion a reality more than Ms. Conley did. We are saddened that Ms. Conley will not be here for the dedication ceremony, but the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board helped move the process forward to completion. Things don't just happen. It takes a "spirited" woman like Ms. Conley. Therefore, we know the Pavilion should bear her name, "The Onie B. Conley Pavilion".

Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Participants who support the naming of the Boggy Creek Pavilion as  
"Onie B. Conley Pavilion":

**Person making nomination: (required)**

Conley Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board  
Margarine Beaman, President

**Address: (required)**

808 Nile St.  
Austin, TX 78702

**Phone Number: (required)**

512-921-1625

**E-mail: (not required)**

N/A

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Ms. Conley was educated in the public schools of Austin, attending Gregory Elementary (now Edward L. Blackshear Elementary) and Old Anderson High School where she graduated valedictorian. She began her post-secondary education at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson). While there, she worked as a domestic to help with college expenses and was a member of the Dragonettes and the YWCA. A talented athlete, she participated on the varsity teams of Girls' Basketball, Softball, Baseball and Tennis. As a campus volunteer, she helped coordinate plays and other fundraising activities to help the Librarian, Mrs. B. Lovinggood, purchase furniture and books for the library. In recognition of her hard work, she received awards for *Best Student* in both academics and extracurricular activities for two years. She graduated from Samuel Huston College with an B.A. Degree

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Onie B. Conley's summers were consumed with postgraduate education and other teaching assignments. She pursued summer teaching opportunities at Alcorn College in Mississippi, Prairie View College and Huston-Tillotson College. Additionally, she

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engaged in summer postgraduate study at the University of Colorado in Boulder and eventually received her M.S. Degree from Columbia University in New York, specializing in science.

As dedicated to the community, as she was to her career, many non-profit organizations were the beneficiaries of Ms. Conley's time, talent, and financial resources. Those organizations include Girl Scouts of America, Inc., American Red Cross, Holy Cross Hospital, Austin Dramatic Club, Salina Center, George Washington Carver Library and Museum, American Association of University Woman, Old Bakery Emporium, Capital Metro, Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board and many others. As a participant in the Blackshear Neighborhood Group, she served as the liaison between the neighborhood and the City Council, championing such causes as new streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters for East Austin; benches and shelters for bus riders; and ramps on sidewalks for the handicapped in wheelchairs. Her East Austin advocacy efforts also resulted in the 10,000 square foot George Washington Carver Library and the use of the old library for a Carver Museum. This experience provided the groundwork for securing the senior center that bears her name, Conley-Guerrero, and the subsequent South Austin Center that ultimately became a reality because of her well-researched lobbying efforts with city officials. As testimony to the confidence in her abilities, elected officials selected Onie B. twice as a representative to the White House conference on Aging. The senior centers, the library, her advocacy for community improvement and her advocacy for the elderly are the greatest elements of her legacy to the City of Austin.

Another passion for Onie B. was her sorority. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for nearly 60 years, Onie B. was always active and involved. In 1994, she received honors as a Golden Sorority (50 years of membership) and was presented with a lifetime membership by members of Beta Psi Omega Chapter. She served the local organization as vice President for two years and Treasurer for eighteen years. True to her calling, she chaired the Community Projects Committee for thirty years.

A Christian woman, Ms. Conley, affiliated with the A.M.E. Churches, Masonic Family Eastern Star, Lettie Madison Chapter and the Mt. Bonnell Lodge, Chapter 1.

Onie B. Conley's contributions to the Austin Community and the people of Austin are too numerous to assign to a brief biography of her life. Suffice it to say that her life was dedicated to people – first to the young as a teacher, and then to the aging as she joined their ranks. From her 43 years in the classroom, to her work in securing two senior centers, to the new affordable housing units in East Austin, this City and its residents will long remember and revere the life of Onie B. Conley as one of service.

#### **Connection to facility:**

Ms. Onie B. Conley was a go-getter for the community. If she saw a need, she did research, interviewed people, consulted architects and helped develop plans for the betterment of the community.

The Boggy Creek Pavilion would not have become a reality with the efforts of Ms. Conley. She had the idea, vision and time to get in touch with architects, work on block grants, CIP money and be at the City Council Meetings every week. Many of her

Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center friends and Advisory Board members made sure she had transportation to the many places she needed to go to make the Boggy Creek Pavilion a reality.

Ms. Conley worked constantly on the Boggy Creek Pavilion project for over ten years.

**Reason for nomination:**

Ms. Conley gave sweat and blood, energy and many dollars of her own in order to make things happen. Ms. Conley had a commitment in Austin and especially East Austin. She had been involved in many urban renewal and other projects. One of her major commitments in East Austin was working on projects that positively affected the elderly. At the time, there was not a decent place for the seniors to go to socialize, eat together, exercise and enjoy recreational activities. With Ms. Conley's persistence, the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center became a reality. This project took approximately six years to complete. The Boggy Creek Pavilion was her dream for people to gather, have bands and evening functions in a park setting. No one, two or three persons in our area spent more time to help make this pavilion a reality more than Ms. Conley did. We are saddened that Ms. Conley will not be here for the dedication ceremony, but the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Advisory Board helped move the process forward to completion. Things don't just happen. It takes a "spirited" woman like Ms. Conley. Therefore, we know the Pavilion should bear her name, "The Onie B. Conley Pavilion".

Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center Participants who support the naming of the Boggy Creek Pavilion as  
"Onie B. Conley Pavilion":

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RE: Boggy Creek GREENBETH Pavilion  
Name suggestion

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or possible names for the Pavilion.

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## Application for Facility Naming

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Jackie Harris-Crayton

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Phone Number (required)

(512) 276-9536

E-mail (not required)

harrisjdc@aol.com

Suggested name (required)

If a person:

Donald J. Spence

### Biographical Information:

Donald Joseph Spence was born in Austin, Texas the 12th day of June 1932 and departed his life on the 4th day of February 2005.

Upon graduation from the Old Anderson High School he entered Southern University and received a bachelors degree from Huston-Tillotson College. While attending Southern, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He taught several years in the

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### Civic involvement:

Donald received many prestigious awards for his civic involvement. Among them were: 1979 Greater Austin Sports Association Hall of Honor Recipient, State Representative Al Edwards Unsung Hero Distinguished Service Award, Coliseum Loins Club President in Oakland California, Life Member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity where he also served as Polemarch in 1984. He was a dedicated Usher at Wesley United Methodist Church.



Donald Joseph Spence was born in Austin, Texas the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1932 to the late Ada and William Spence. He accepted Christ at an early age at Wesley Chapel Church.

Upon graduation from the old Anderson High School he entered Southern University and received a bachelor's degree from Huston Tillotson College. While attending Southern, he pledged Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He taught several years in the Elgin Independent School District. He later moved to Oakland, California where he was the Director of the Oakland Boys Club. He returned to Austin in 1976 where he was employed by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. While working for the City he held numerous positions including at Rosewood Recreation Center as Assistant Supervisor and was the first supervisor for Givens Recreation Center. Before retiring in 1992 he was Program Manager for the East Austin Area District. Donald then became the Commissioner for the Greater East Austin Youth Association (GEAYA). He held that position until his health failed. During his ten years as Commissioner he assumed the responsibility for Grant Management and Juneteenth Committee Chairperson. He was the Austin Independent School District Football/Soccer Score Keeper and had an association with the Austin T-Bumper Golf Club.

Donald received many prestigious awards for his community service involvement. Among them were 1979 Greater Austin Sports Association Hall Of Honor Recipient, State Representative Al Edwards Unstung Hero Distinguished Service Award, Coliseum Lions Club President in Oakland California; Life Member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity where he also served as Polemarch in 1984. He was also most dedicated to the Usher Board at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Legacy of Dedicated Services

If not a person:

Reason for nomination (required)

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From:

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To: Parks, PARD Admin

Subject: Facility Name Form

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Fr. Joe Znotas Boggy Creek Greenbelt

Deceased Priest

Fr Joe Znotas was the Priest at St. Julia during the 1970's, when we were a neglected community. He died of heart failure while at our Parrish.

Fr Joe Znotas was an East Austin Priest who became our voice and leader, lobbied the City Council and the late former Congressman, J.J. Jake Pickle, to the neglect of East Austin. His main issue became the flooding of Boggy Creek. It was for Fr. Joe's persistants that Boggy Creek was fixed. I don't remember who the Mayor of the City was, but I bet he remembers Fr. Joe.

Many of our homes would flood every time we had big rains. He would personally go house to house rescuing the people. He was also responsible for having many streets in E. Austin paved, drainage, curbs and some side walks.

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# Recommendations

## Housing Affordability Task Force

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# Core Values

- Deeper Affordability Targets
- Long-term Affordability
- Geographic Dispersion

# Incentives- Concepts

- Expedited Review and Approvals
- Expanded Fee Waivers
- Enhanced Development Entitlements



# Categories

- **Downtown-** properties zoned CBD, DMU;
- **Urban Infill-** Vertical Mixed Use Projects, Transit Oriented Development Nodes;
- **Suburban-** single family & multi-family developments with lower density

# Central Business District

|   | Fee Waiver | Eligibility   | Affordability Limits  |
|---|------------|---|---|
| Downtown Projects not requesting increases in FAR-Floor to area ratio | Yes        | 5% of the total project sqft. meets affordability requirements  |   |
| D.T. projects requesting increases in FAR                             | Yes        | <u>For Rental</u><br>10% of the additional gross sqft. in the project above what is possible with 8:1 FAR | At or below 80% MFI; and an affordability period of 40 years or more. |
|   |            | <u>For Sale</u><br>10% of the additional gross sqft.  | At or below 120% MFI  |

# PARD Recommendation

- Allow 100% exemption from Parkland Dedication Fees for only the units meeting the affordability requirements as opposed to an entire development that has an affordable component.



## Memorandum

**To:** Paul Hilgers, Director  
Neighborhood Housing & Community Development

**From:** Warren W. Struss, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**Subject:** Recommendations on the final Report on the Affordable Housing  
Incentives Task Force

**Date:** March 9, 2007

The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has reviewed the Report on the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force and I would like to recommend an alternative approach. PARD concurs with the corporate goal of fostering affordable housing, but the Task Force Report waiver recommendation would have the result of limiting park amenities for our growing community.

The Task Force Report recommends that any project that meets the minimum percentage of affordable housing should receive a 100% waiver of the required Parkland Dedication Ordinance fees for all units, even those units that are not affordable. I cannot support the waiver for the entire project because it completely eliminates the project's obligation to help mitigate the impact on the park system that they generated. The Parkland Dedication Ordinance is a way for development to help defray the cost to serve the growing residential population. The high density limits expected in the Downtown and Urban Infill Districts, in particular, will have a pronounced adverse impact on the park system without the benefit of Parkland Dedication funds for enhancements.

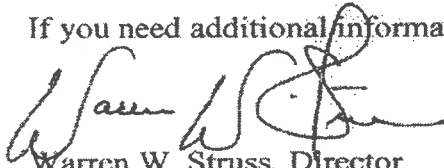
**PARD recommends an alternative approach to the Task Force's conclusions.**  
In the spirit of supporting a more compact city, PARD recommends:

***1) Allow 100% exemption from Parkland Dedication Fees for ONLY the units meeting the affordability requirements.*** In the proposed revision of the Parkland Dedication Ordinance, there is a recommendation to address this issue. The new Ordinance would allow full waiver of fees or land owed by a development that meets the requirements of

affordability. It is recommended that this allowance be applied only to the number of units that are deemed affordable, as opposed to an entire development that has an affordable component.

Since 1986, when the Parkland Dedication Ordinance went into effect, the lands dedicated and fees generated have enabled the Austin's parks to become one of the best systems in the country. Austin's parks and green spaces have become an economic engine for the community that draws new residents and businesses to the region. The Parkland Dedication Ordinance contributes to the quality of life in Austin and it should be waived for affordable housing units, but not for units not meeting the affordability goals.

If you need additional information, please call Ricardo Soliz at 974-6765.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Warren W. Struss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "S".

Warren W. Struss, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department