



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
City of Austin Environmental Commission
City of Austin Water Waste Water Commission

FROM: Richard Mendoza, P.E., Director
Public Works Department

DATE: June 8, 2017

SUBJECT: Request to Rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit

PURPOSE: Notification of the request to rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit.

OVERVIEW: The Public Works Department (PWD) received a request to rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit after Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell. Dr. Maxwell was a strong advocate for the preservation of Austin's Barton Springs, a passionate supporter of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve and the City of Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands. At the time of her passing, Dr. Maxwell was involved in the conceptualization of a possible Environmental Education Center at the Slaughter Creek Management Unit.

On April 5, 2017, the Environmental Commission voted to recommend this renaming to the City Council. Council approved resolution # 20170420-033 directing the City Manager to initiate the proceedings as outlined in the Code of the City of Austin, Chapter 14-1-34 to rename the Slaughter Creek Management Unit to the Dr. Mary Gay Maxwell Management Unit.

As required by Chapter 14-1-34, the Public Works Director is required to notify you of the request and that the process has started. This memorandum serves as the notification and begins the 90 Day public notice period.

NEXT STEPS: Currently Public Works, Austin Water and the City of Austin Public Information Office are working together on this process. The standard steps are outlined below:

1. Public Information Office shall take reasonable steps to inform persons who are likely to have an interest in the naming of the facility. The public information officer shall consider the nature and location of the facility and whether a particular community is likely to be especially interested in the process, and disseminate the information in a way designed to reach those communities.
2. The deadline for the director to receive and accept suggestions and endorsements for a renaming (per 14-1-33 (E)) is 90 days after the PW Director's notification is submitted.

3. As soon as practical after the 90 day public notice period has closed for receiving suggestions and endorsements, the Public Works Director shall submit completed suggestions and endorsements to the chair of the City advisory board that the director finds to have appropriate jurisdiction.
4. The Environmental Commission and Water Waste Water Commission will need to hold public hearings on this request.
5. Within 45 days of receiving the endorsements from the Public Works Director, the advisory board shall make a written recommendation to the council after the date the chair receives the suggestions and endorsements, and shall provide a copy of the recommendation to the City Manager.
6. The City Manager shall provide to each council member a copy of the advisory board's recommendation and the suggestions and endorsements received by the director. The City Manager shall place an item regarding the naming of the facility on the council's agenda as soon as practicable after the advisory board makes its recommendation.

Based on these steps the expectation is that the consideration for renaming will reach Council in either late October or early November.

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