

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

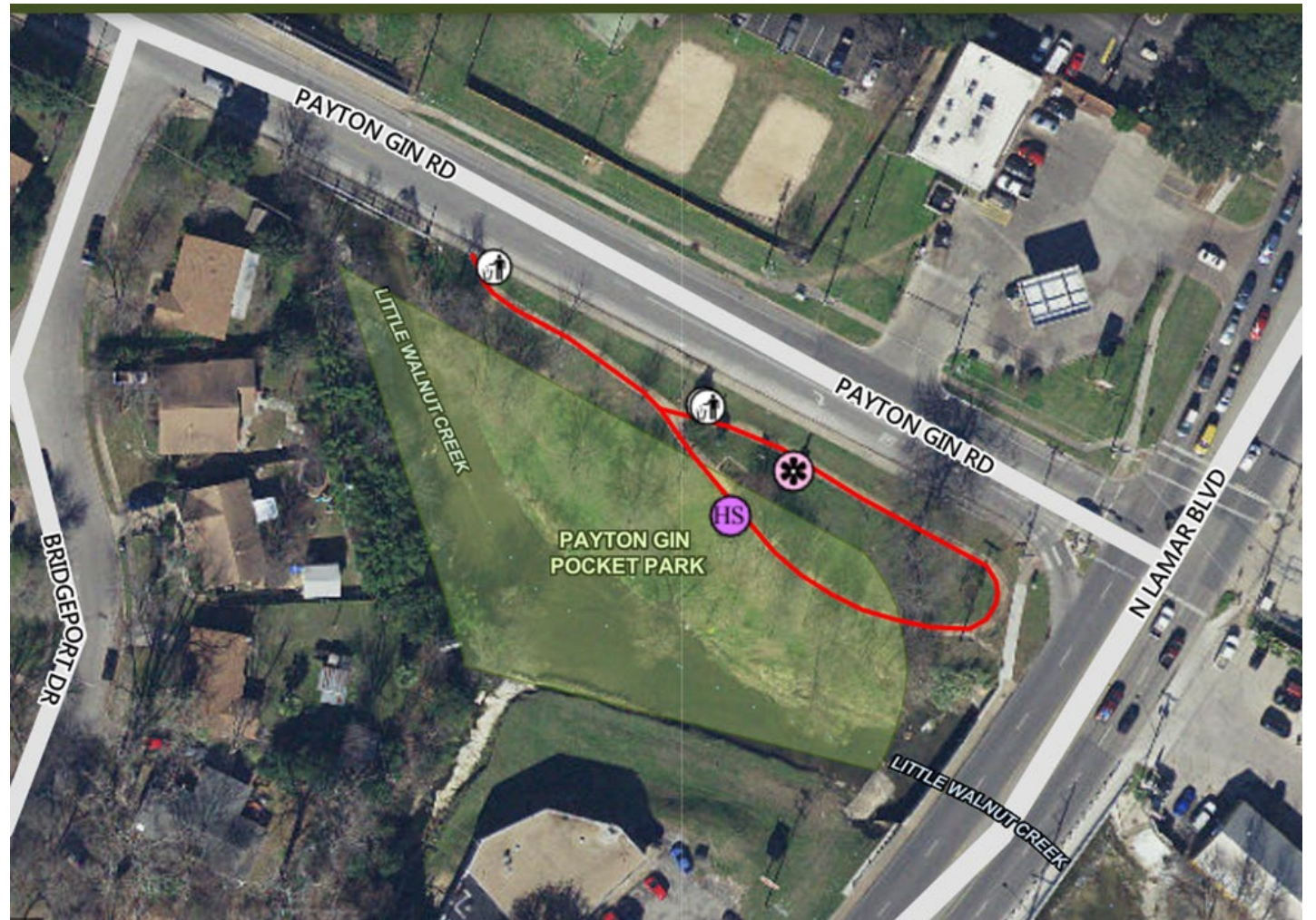
Renaming Payton Gin Pocket Park

Kimberly McNeeley, Director
Parks and Recreation Board Meeting
June 22, 2021



Payton Gin Pocket Park

- 801 Payton Gin Road
- 0.97 acre
- District 4



History

- Purchased by City in 1965.
- Land was Right of Way and transferred to Parks and Recreation Department and identified as Little Walnut Creek Greenbelt until approximately 1987 when it was first identified as Payton Gin Pocket Park in Department land inventory.
- Early 2000's the North Austin Civic Association (NACA) conducted community stakeholder process to name the park "Heron Hollow Pocket Park".
- Renaming was not memorialized by the Department when the community stakeholder process was conducted by NACA.

Today

- NACA has requested that the Park officially be named Heron Hollow Pocket Park.
- NACA Board voted unanimously on May 20 to reaffirm its commitment to the name as selected by the community in early 2000s.
- Per May 25 Board direction, a community engagement process was conducted.
 - Two on-site engagements were conducted on June 5 and June 12.
 - Renaming survey was open from June 2 through June 16.
 - 62 participants, 325 responses, 91 comments
 - 85% support renaming the park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park
- Funding available in Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget for updated signage.
- Scheduled for July 29 City Council meeting.

Recommendation

Recommend to the City Council to approve the renaming of Payton Gin Pocket Park to Heron Hollow Pocket Park.

Questions