Application for Park Naming / Renaming

Please follow the instructions below when submitting an application for naming a park.

1. Complete the application by providing detailed information about the proposed park name. Please include supplemental information such as articles, letters of support and signature list with the application.

2. City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department must receive the application within the 90 day solicitation period in order for the application to be considered.

3. Send all inquiries to: Gregory Montes, 919 W. 28 ½ Street, Austin, TX 78705. For questions, please contact, Gregory Montes at 512-974-9458 or at gregory.montes@austintexas.gov

Proposed Name for the Park: **George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center**

If proposing the name of an individual, include a biographical description of nominee:

George Morales was born in Austin, TX and was raised in the Dove Springs Community. George Morales is raising his family in the same Dove Springs neighborhood that his family raised him and his brothers and sisters. The second to the youngest of nine children, George Morales has attended elementary, middle school in the Dove Springs Community and was bused to Johnston High School, where he received his high school diploma. George Morales attended Austin Community College and graduated from Huston Tillotson University, receive his Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice and Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. George Morales was recognized by the university President as the top ranked student at HTU and received the Leadership Award from the University President. As a lifelong resident, George Morales continues to motivate, educate and inspire youth and families in the Dove Springs Community.
Describe the individual's involvement in the Austin community:

George Morales is the first elected Travis County Constable from the Dove Springs Community. George Morales created the first Back Pack Drive of the Dove Springs Community. George Morales continues for the last 20 years as a member and President of the Dove Springs Recreation Advisory Board to bring positive programs for youth and families in the Dove Springs Community. George Morales and his family have been involved with the Dove Springs Recreation Center since the age of 18 years old. George Morales has worked with Keep Austin Beautiful, It’s My Park Day, Go Austin Vamos, The Southeast Contact Team to bring healthy food connections to the Dove Springs Community. George Morales was also instrumental in passing the bond for the Health and Wellness Center of the Dove Springs Community.

Describe the individual’s connection to the park or park system, if any:

George Morales is a member of the Dove Springs Recreation Advisory Board, George Morales was elected President of the Advisory Board in 2010. George Morales was a volunteer with the 78744 Tree folks, providing trees for households in the community. George Morales was pivotal in coordinating 2013, 2014 and 2015 parks clean up and community cleanup which he received the Presidential Community Service Award from President Barack Obama. George Morales along with PARD and Red Cross coordinated a shelter at the Dove Springs Recreation Center during the 2013 and 2015 floods. George Morales as Constable continues to provide services to Parks and Recreation to include Montopolis South Austin Recreation, Dove Springs Recreation, Metz Recreation, Zaragoza Recreation, Conley Guerrero Senior Center and A. B. Cantu Pan Am Recreation Center.

If proposing a name that is not an individual, summarize the reason for the name:

The proposed name is an individual named George Morales.

Date: 3-19

Name of requester: Robert
Address: 8609 Kammey Cove
Phone Number: 512-466-1716

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letter of recommendations, etc.

Direct questions to:

Gregory Montes
512-974-9458
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If proposing a name that is not an individual, summarize the reason for the name:

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Date: 03-30-19

Name of requester: 

Address: 8609 Claymont Cove

Phone Number: 512-466-1710

Please provide any additional information with the application, e.g., newspaper articles, letter of recommendations, etc.

Direct questions to:

Gregory Montes

512-974-9458

gregory.montes@austintexas.gov
Park Naming / Renaming Signature List

Date: TBT/Request upon reopening of Recreation Center

Address of Naming/Renaming Request: 5801 Ainez Drive, Austin, TX 78744.

To: Director of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department

We, the representatives of property within the service radius of the requested naming/renameing change do hereby submit the required signatures in support of the suggested name of George Morales

Dove Springs Recreation Center.

Signature Printed Name Address

Dora Gallegos 8901 Ridgeway Rd Austin Tx 78747
Jiliana Montalvo
Raymond Young
Alex Curtis
Olga Gonzalez
Daniel Gonzalez, Jr.
HSA Zamora
Frank Sr. Anc
Connie Mil
Debbie Rodriguez
Melissa Serna
Vanessa Maldonado
Raula Rodriguez
John Giles
Laura Padilla
Vanessa Fuentez
Ana Maguire
Laura Gonzalez
Vivian Campuzano
Casey Davis
Vassilena Boren
Frances Acuna

Phone

Date: 8-30-19  Contact Name: Robert | 831-8
Dear Honorable City Council Members and Mayor Adler:

Sure, Austin’s music, breakfast tacos, and hiking are fantastic. But what makes Austin an amazing city is its people. Constable George Morales is one of the most remarkable among as, as some of you surely know. As a lifelong resident of Dove Springs, loving father and grandfather, recent college graduate, and true servant leader, he defines the spirit of Austin, and more so, the indomitable spirit of Dove Springs.

Whether it is keeping our neighborhoods safe, running a huge annual backpack back to school fundraiser, or advocating for our schools, George does it from a purity of purpose that is rare these days.

I respectfully request that you consider honoring Constable Morales and the community of Dove Springs by naming the Dove Springs Recreation Center after him. I believe we typically wait until people pass before naming structures after them. But I hope you might consider making an exception.

Imagine what a thrill it would be for the children in his community to actually know and interact with a real life hero and namesake of one of their most beloved public spaces? This is an opportunity to show the community that Austin is a place where anyone—regardless of race or zip code—can rise to the top levels of leadership and truly make a difference.

Thank you all for the work you do, and I appreciate your considering this humble request.

Sincerely,

Arati Singh

Austin ISD Trustee, Place 9 (At-Large)

8101 Cobblestone Dr.
Austin, TX 78735
512-586-5702
Dove Springs Advisory Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2019

Meeting was held Constable George Morales Office

Meeting was called to order by President George Morales @ 6:07 pm.

Attendance: George Morales, Christina Morales, Gabe Padilla, Eunica Chavarria, Ricardo Zavala, Robert Kibbie, Andrea Kibbie, Elton Randel, and Alex Curtis.

Guest: Irasema Marmolgo, Joanne Carmen, Robert Wilson, and Melissa Sedillo

AGENDA:

1. Del Valle: explain back to school bash - KIDS NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR BACKPACKS 8/10/19
   a. Kids registered as homeless - 247 KIDS:
      i. Transportation issues (300 kids); will provide left over backpacks
      ii. No registration - need to be present
      iii. No date as of yet for function
      iv. Need more help / volunteers

2. Eunica fixed Georges donate way link for the back to bash

3. Fund raising Drives
   a. 17th by the County atty's
   b. Def. Attys on 27th July

4. Go over backpack supplies (3000)
   a. Reyes - donations, have to remove items like scissors, graphing paper, etc…

5. Store backpacks at Constable’s office
   a. Supplies at the gym at Mendez

6. Checks
   a. Seton, Sgt Padilla will pick up tomorrow $2500
   b. Sendero - tomorrow $1500
   c. Ricardo Explained the source of funds - voluntary basis, George explained how the bash got started,

7. Dove Springs floor - gone, will not open until October
8. Walmart $4000 in discounts
9. Sam’s $3500 (Victoria over sees the process)
10. August 10th (SAT) the week before for sorting, packing 3 days before.
11. DJ
   a. Older $175 for 3 hours
   b. **Younger - free, inexperience's - Ricardo; confirmed - Abe Hernandez has equipment**
12. Motion to start spending (unanimous)
   a. Eunica motion, Raymond 2nd
13. Link to buy rulers in bulk - Elton spear heading
14. Del Valle, which school board members at Del Valle can we reach out to - research
15. NO political flyers, promote donations link
16. Vendors
   a. Where to set up - gym
   b. Bi-lingual signs for entrance
17. Grass - needs to be cut
18. **George has the card**
19. Next meeting
   a. Here, 29th of July
   b. Elton will perform
   c. Uniform (POLO SHIRTS) will be in effect
20. September meeting at the Young's residence
21. Idea - clear backpacks
22. Free haircuts the following Saturday - $5 Austin most wanted Barber shop.
23. Motion to adjourn
   a. Raymond, 2nd Elton @ 7:23p