

Late Backup

Item 27

September 12, 2019

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RE: Recommend Renaming Dove Springs Recreation Center to George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center

Dear Honorable Mayor Adler, Mayor Pro Tem Garza, Council Members, and City Manager:

The Southeast Combined Neighborhood Planning Contact Team (SCNPCT), with additional Dove Springs community residents also in attendance, met on Monday, September 9, 2019 to discuss the Contact Team's position on recommending renaming the Dove Springs Recreation Center to George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center.

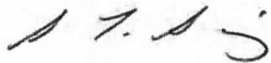
With a quorum present, the Contact Team voted unanimously in support of renaming the Dove Springs Recreation Center to George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center. The membership and residents considered the following contributions made by Mr. Morales:

- Mr. Morales started working at the original location (South Pleasant Valley and Stassney) of the Dove Springs Recreation Center when he was 18 years of age;
- Mr. Morales worked with troubled youth at the recreation center, some who have gone on to finish high school and college;
- Mr. Morales, as one of the first board members, recognized not all kids were athletes and introduced programs with PARD, such as art programs;
- Mr. Morales brought back
 - Roving Leaders
 - PARD Play Grounds
- Mr. Morales, with his wife, Christina, worked to introduce the Tiny Tots Program, and he and his wife held graduation ceremonies for the kids going to Pre-K and Kinder;
- Mr. Morales partnered with PARD staff and the University of Texas (UT) students to clean Dove Springs parks and surrounding parks in the Dove Springs community;

- Mr. Morales has spent thousands of hours working with parents and kids to provide programs that kids were interested in, such as Art, Dance, Technology, and Soccer;
- Mr. Morales, through his leadership, has created a strong senior program;
- Mr. Morales, with friends and families, has spearheaded the Dove Springs Back-to-School Bash that provides thousands of back packs to kids in the community;
- Mr. Morales, with PARD, holds a Thanksgiving Dinner that provides hundreds of meals to families that would go without; and
- Mr. Morales, in partnership with the River City Youth Foundation, holds an annual Merry Memories Toy Giveaway for kids.

Mr. Morales grew up in Dove Springs and continues to support the Dove Springs Recreation Center and the residents of Dove Springs. As one Contact Team member stated during the meeting, it would be nice to name a facility in a person's honor while they are still alive. From our perspective, there would be no better way to have our youth connect to a role model within our own community than for them see one in action as they do now. Your support would be very much appreciated. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 512-708-0647. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ana Aguirre, Chair
Southeast Combined Neighborhood Planning Contact Team