



Community Conversation

Pan American Neighborhood Park Renaming Proposal

Virtual Meeting Info: Zoom Housekeeping



Participants can join by computer and/or phone: Meeting ID 872 4551 3978



This session is being recorded and will be posted at the conclusion.



Participants will stay muted through presentation.



Comments and questions can be shared throughout the meeting in the chat.



We will have open Q&A time at the end.



“Raise hand” for sharing comments during Q&A session.

Agenda

- Introductions
- Explanation of the renaming process
- Background of Pan American Neighborhood Park
- Background on Augustine “Tony” Castillo
- Small group discussion
- Community sharing



Austin City Code




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Derek Castillo initiated the process to rename

Pan American Neighborhood Park
(located at 307 Chicon St.)

to

Tony Castillo Pan American Neighborhood Park.



Application for Naming a Park Facility or Park

Please follow the instructions below when applying for the naming or renaming a facility or property.

1. Complete the application by providing detailed information about the park facility or park to be named or renamed. Please include any supplemental information such as articles, letters of support and signature list with the application. The application must contain documentation of public support for the proposed name. Public support materials must be provided to the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Please provide payment of the Application Fee, \$365.00 in the form of a cashier's check. Checks should be made out to City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and submitted with the application.
3. A Sign Fabrication Fee in the amount of \$940.00 will apply, should City Council approve the application. A cashier's check should be made out to City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Send all submittals to:
Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC), Attn: Christine Chute Canul,
919 W 28th 1/2 St. Austin, TX 78705
5. Questions may be directed to Christine Chute Canul via email:
christine.canul@austintexas.gov or by phone: (512) 974-9515

Current Name of Park Facility or Park:

Pan Am Neighborhood Park

Nominated Name for the Park Facility or Park:

Tony Castillo Pan Am Neighborhood Park

Identify Type of Park Facility to be named or renamed:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Pool Complex	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Complex	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Significant Building

If other is selected, please specify:

90 days

- Initiated by Application and notice to PARB
- Survey and community comments ends June 5

PARB

- Parks and Recreation Board reviews comments
- Public hearing in June; sends recommendation

Council

- City Council receives PARB recommendation
- City Council makes final decision

Pan American Neighborhood Park

1940: National Youth Association's Latin American Community Center near today's Comal Park in 1940.

1942: PARD began management under Raul "Roy" Guerrero.

1956: Moved to present-day location. Naming competition held, naming Center and surrounding park "Pan American" Recreation Center and Park.

1958: Iconic Hillside Theater added with many notable concerts over the years.

1996: Rec Center added Cantu's name to become Oswaldo A.B. Cantu / Pan American Recreation Center.



PICA 20306, Austin History Center, Austin Public Library

Augustine “Tony” Castillo

- Born in East Austin
- Served community for 65 years.
- One of founders of Jokers softball team and basketball team.
- Hosted numerous sports functions and tournaments.
- Longtime AISD educator and coached at Johnston and Akins High Schools.
- Expanded community’s political voice through LUCHA and support of East Austin candidates.



Induction to the Pan Am Fastpitch Softball Hall of Honor, 2021 (photo courtesy of Derek Castillo)

Discussion in small groups

- What additional information would you like people to know about Coach Castillo? What information would you like to know about Coach Castillo?
- What does it mean to “honor the history” of the community?
- How are you deciding whether you want to support the name change or not? What process?

Community Sharing

What would you like to share with the group as a whole?

- What was shared in your group?
- What other questions do you have?
- What additional comments would you like to share?

Next Steps

- Complete feedback form (survey) by June 4, 2022.
- All comments and feedback will be shared with the Parks and Recreation Board (PARB) at their June meeting.
- PARB meeting will also be a public hearing where community members can also speak.
- PARB will then pass on their recommendation (if they have one).
- City Council will make final decision.

A photograph of two young girls in the foreground, smiling at the camera. The girl on the left has curly hair and a small white sticker on her cheek. The girl on the right has long dark hair and glasses. They are wearing dark clothing. In the background, a large crowd of people is gathered on a grassy field, some sitting on blankets, others standing. There are trees and utility poles in the distance. The entire image has a greenish-blue tint.

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