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# AGENDA

## PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
VIRTUAL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ROLL CALL

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Volunteer recognition awards

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission meeting held on August 19, 2020

**APPROVE**

### REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. Staff Report, Youth Commission, Aquatics, Marketing – Cheryl Salazar | <b>NOTE &amp; FILE</b> |
| 2. Park Naming History – Darren Chamow                                  | <b>NOTE &amp; FILE</b> |

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Report from the Parks & Recreation Director

**NOTE & FILE**

### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

### ADJOURNMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO) ss.  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS)

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Date: September 10, 2020

  
Cheryl Salazar, Commission Secretary

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## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the San Marcos Parks & Recreation Commission

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Jay Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairperson Jay Franklin

**ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present**

FRANKLIN	(5/5)	100%
HERNANDEZ	(5/5)	100%
LINDSAY	(5/5)	100%
MOCKUS	(5/5)	100%
PRESTININZI (ALT)	(5/5)	100%
ROBLES	(5/5)	100%
SENSMEIER	(5/5)	100%
SMITH	(5/5)	100%

**Commissioners Absent**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Director Buck Martin, Program Managers Darren Chamow & Andrea Gonzalez, Commission Secretary Cheryl Salazar, Recreation Supervisor, Isaac Etchamendy, Principal Civil Engineer, Taylor Oshinski, Recreation Coordinator.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Volunteer recognition awards – there were none recommended.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND CARRIED TO APPROVE.**

**REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Staff Report, City Project Updates – Isaac Etchamendy, Principal Civil Engineer**

City of San Marcos Principal Civil Engineer, Isaac Etchamendy, shared an overview of the project, review construction progress and Promenade Park. Commissioner Lindsay would like to know the official name of the Park. The Pink House has been moved to a permanent foundation west of Via Vera Cruz and some restoration work will begin at the end of the project. The trails in this project will mainly be composed of decomposed granite and will transition to concrete when it meets the sidewalks. Pet waste disposal stations will be installed along the trail. The eventual trail system will

all connect and flow into the Discovery Lake trail system. Commissioner Lindsay would like to see the final trail system and the Rancho Tesoro Park concepts.

The parking lot at Southlake has been completed and the City is going to start making improvements to allow residents to utilize the trails and phase two will continue to add amenities. Accessibility of Southlake trails may be available as early as Fall 2021 and completion Summer 2022. Etchamendy will send over the full concept design.

Rancho Coronado Park pad is going to begin the design process and will be moving through the permitting process and will likely begin Fall 2021.

Commissioner Robles asked about wayfinding signage. Etchamendy responded that the Wayfinding plan is separate but inclusive of signs citywide. The Creek Plan does not include wayfinding signs.

## **2. Staff Report, Ranger Program – Taylor Oshinski**

Recreation Coordinator, Taylor Oshinski, gave updates regarding the past year of the Ranger program including new branding, legal requirement updates, and concerns due to the extremely high trail use throughout the pandemic.

Commissioner Smith asked about the sports groups and Oshinski responded that some sports groups are not within their season and have not been allocated to utilize the sports fields due to the County Guidelines.

Commissioner Robles asked about soccer permissions. Oshinski commented that all of the soccer organizations within our Youth Sports Council do have permission to return to practice however the Rangers have been knocking down the unauthorized practices or contacting the club presidents to safely return to the current guidelines.

Chair Franklin would like a text newsletter regarding the text messaging options through Constant Contact or receiving a text when Hikes resume.

## **3. Trails Advisory Committee Guidelines**

**MOVED BY VICE-CHAIR LINDSAY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MOCKUS-VALENZUELA AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Parks & Recreation Director Buck Martin provided an update on the following items:

- Friends of San Marcos has provided funds to assist our department to do things that we did not have funding for.
- Preschooler kindergarten readiness program registration begins August 24.
- Adventure Day Camp extended two additional weeks and will be monitored in two-week periods.
- \$238,000 will be granted to San Marcos through the State of California Prop 68 grants.
- Playgrounds will remain closed and the City will be following all State and local guidelines.
- Adult athletics will be postponed until Spring at the earliest.
- Bilingual Sports Camps and classes are happening soon.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTARY**

- Chair Franklin asked about what kinds of Parks & Rec content we can get out on social media. Salazar responded with a few of the campaigns that are coming down the pipeline.

- Commissioner Robles made comments about the 360 Magazine – maybe we can educate and utilize the platform of the magazine to push information out. Salazar responded to say that we are working on ways to push the information out there and keep it accurate for our residents.
- Commissioner Mockus-Valenzuela would like us to find ways to push out information in ways that recognizable and to get information into the hands of school aged families. Compliments staff on specialty camps especially the archery camps.
- Commissioner Sensmeier marketing has been awesome and it's great to see all the social media posts regarding the pop up events and the Double Peak Challenge.
- Vice-Chair Lindsay would like to thank the Ranger staff during this exceptionally challenging time.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**CHAIRPERSON FRANKLIN ADJOURNED THE AUGUST 19, 2020 SAN MARCOS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AT 6:58 P.M.**

ATTEST:

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Jay Franklin, Chairperson  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
City of San Marcos

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Cheryl Salazar, Comm. Secretary  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
City of San Marcos

## **Parks and Recreation Commission – Park and Amenity Naming History (2010 Forward)**

### **March 2010**

#### **Park Names for Future Parks**

Staff noted the Council has requested the Commission provide three names for each park in priority order. The three parks that need names immediately are the Civic Center area, the park next to San Marcos Elementary, and the park off Richmar by the post office.

Commissioner Apolo through email suggested San Marcos Elementary park be named Boulevard Park, Richmar park suggested using Richmar Park as it is in the Richmar neighborhood, and for Civic Center park he suggested Centro Park. Commissioner Franklin liked the name Centro Park for the Civic Center area.

Commissioner Perrine suggested Civic Center Park for the Civic Center area.

A City staff member suggested Schoolhouse Park for San Marcos Elementary park.

Chair Kildoo suggested La Plazuela for the Richmar park as it means little plaza which matches the theme of the park with having the plaza area.

Commissioner Franklin suggested naming one of the parks Merriam Park because this was the name of the first permanent settler in San Marcos. Staff noted the master park plan has a park in the sphere of influence that is called Merriam Park.

### **September 2010**

#### **Park Names for Future Parks**

Park names need to be suggested to the Council for South Lake, Richmar site and San Marcos Boulevard site. The sooner the park name is chosen the fewer documents have to be changed along the way. Staff handed out the list of previously discussed park names for Commissioners to review.

Suggested park names for South Lake site include South Lake Park, Gittings Recreation Area at South Lake Park, Vallecitos Park, Lago Del Sur Park, Shelter Cove Park and Robinson Crusoe Park.

Commissioner Barrett asked if Gittings is in reference to Rick Gittings the previous City Manager? Staff said that is correct and the name suggestion came from some of the City Council members.

Commissioner Perrine suggested adding Twin Oaks Park to the list of names for the South Lake site. Staff noted there is an open space area north of Borden on the west side of Twin Oaks Valley Road that has that name listed for a future park. South Lake site could still be named Twin Oaks Park as the park at the future area could end up being named something different.

Commissioners discussed the names for South Lake site and asked staff if Gittings Recreation Area at South Lake Park could be named just Gittings Park. Staff told Commissioners about an ordinance that was adopted and approved by a previous City Council outlining how parks should be named.

The ordinance states that park features and components of parks can be named after individuals but the main park itself needs to be named after geographic features or after local areas/neighborhoods. This is why the recommended name for the park is listed that way. Staff also stated that the Council does have the option to make an exception to the ordinance.

Commissioner Bettencourt commented that if it wasn't for Rick Gittings the City would not be in the place it is today. Gittings did so much in his tenure of twenty plus years with the City it is only fitting to name something in his honor.

Commissioner Perrine suggested naming the park South Lake Park and then naming the lake Gittings Lake or Gittings Recreation area for the lake area. Staff noted Vallecitos Water District does own the lake but the City is leasing it so we can technically name it what we want for 75 years.

Commissioners voted for the top three names for each of the parks. Staff tallied the votes.

The Richmar site received four votes for Park Plaza and Park Place, Richmar Park received three votes. These three names will be forwarded to the City Council.

The South Lake site received five votes for South Lake Park, Gittings Recreation Area at South Lake Park received four votes, and Shelter Cove Park got three votes so these three will get forwarded to the City Council.

The San Marcos Boulevard site received five votes for Schoolhouse Park, three for Boulevard Park, and Village Park, Pueblo Park and La Plaza De Vecino received two votes each. A decision between the three names that received two votes each needs to be made. Commissioners voted and Village Park will be the third name recommendation forwarded to the City Council.

## **January 2011**

### **San Marcos Park Report and Park Naming**

Staff noted San Marcos Park has had some progress as the Council and the SMUSD approved the amendment to the use agreement. The state wanted the park to have land tenure of 50 years so the use agreement with the SMUSD will stay in affect and the documents will be sent to the state. The RFP has been sent out and is on the City's website.

Staff received an email from the Principal of San Marcos Elementary School saying they have some ideas of what the name of the park should be and they would like to do a contest with the school. The names they suggested were Tiger Park, Memory Park, San Marcos Park, Community Park, and Pawsitive Park. The names the Commission chose were sent to the City Council.

The City Council in briefings asked the Commission to look at the policy on how parks are named to see if there are any modifications we would like to make to that. The last resolution went to the City Council in 1990 and states park features can be named after a person but not an entire park.

Staff will email Commissioners the 1990 resolution and if Commissioners want to be involved with updating the resolution or have suggestions let staff know.

When we name South Lake the Council would like to have the resolution redone.

The City Council would like some type of response from the Commission whether the names given by the school principal would change the names previously given to them.

Commissioner Franklin asked how were the names chosen that were given to us by the Principal? Staff said the names on the email were just suggestions from her and people she had talked to. They did not hold a school contest yet.

Commissioner Rios noted the three names we picked were suggestions from many people and we narrowed it down to the three names and they are just fine.

Chair Kildoo also like the three names we suggested to the Council but we could consider the school naming one of the park features.

### **February 2011**

Staff gave Commissioners a flyer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual K9 Cancer Walk that the Commission approved. Staff gave each Commissioner a green binder with Commission information including information on the Brown Act and the park naming policy and other related information

### **April 2014**

Rancho Coronado Park (place holder name)

Staff noted the name is just a place holder and is not necessarily going to be the name of the project or the park. When it is time for the Commission to recommend a name for the park it is their call. Engineering uses this name because it is in the Rancho Coronado Community.

Commissioner Mockus asked if we should consider naming of the park now and not wait for the Community to be built. Staff noted the Commission can make a recommendation to the Council if they choose. Commissioner Mockus suggested adding possible names for the park to the survey so we can start collecting names.

### **May 2014**

Commissioner Walter was hoping to address and finalize a name for this park rather than using the place holder name. Walter would like staff to put the naming of Rancho Coronado Park on the next agenda to have a definitive name for the park to bring forward to the City Council.

### **June 2014**

Rancho Coronado Park (place holder name)



Staff spoke with Dr. Holt and he was going to connect staff with the local elementary school staff near the park to hopefully create an opportunity for the local children to provide park naming suggestions. Staff also reached out to Tanis Brown with the Historical Society to possibly create a partnership between the two groups. Staff asked Commissioners if they have any ideas of names they want to recommend to the Council.

Staff noted there is certain criteria the applicant of this project needs to meet to be eligible to proceed with the project. Staff met with Engineering and the project got way ahead of itself and is on hold at this time. The Engineering Department is working on a report that they can share with the Commission but it will take a couple of months to get finalized. Engineering asked staff to share the agenda report from the Council Report that did get approved on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff also included the approved CIP budget numbers for both Rancho Coronado and Southlake projects and how the monies could potentially be spent.

Commissioner Walter noted there were community workshops held and were in the works of holding the last and final workshop and asked if the park plan will be redone. Staff noted the park has some environmental issues, lack of secondary road access to the park and other alternatives for acquiring additional funding for the park including the waterway. Staff suggested asking the people attending the community workshops to suggest names for the park. Commissioner Walter noted he is fine with holding off on the park naming.

## **October 2016**

### **Park Naming**

Buck Martin asked the Commissioners for additional time to provide a formal presentation for park name options.

Chairperson Franklin requested staff to provide historical data of possible park names that were identified in 2011.

## **December 2016**

### **Park Naming Report**

Conversation ensued regarding the eight park name recommendations for the new park on Armorlite Drive between Bingham Drive and North Las Posas Road. After much consideration, with a focus on gathering public feedback and formalizing the application process, the Commission narrowed their top selections to present to City Council on Jan. 10, 2017 to *Wind Spirit Park* or *Innovation Park* with the pickle ball court amenity named after Lionel "Doc" Burton.

## **September 2018**

### **Senior Activity Center Fitness Zone Park Naming Application**

Program Manager Holly Malan re-presented the Park naming report for the Fitness Zone and reviewed notes from the December 16, 2017 Commission meeting.

She presented the completed park naming application with the proposed name, Mark J. Noy, Jr Adult Fitness Zone. The nomination was based on the fact that the estate of Mr. Noy Jr. made a significant monetary donation to the San Marcos Senior Activity Center.

The application had limited information on the individual since he had passed away in 2011.

Vice Chair Lindsay shared additional information he found on Ancestry.com

Commissioners agreed to have the proposed name go through the Park Naming Process steps since an area is being named after an individual.

Commissioner Hernandez asked if a criminal background check is part of the park naming process.

Director Buck Martin will speak to the Sheriff's Department and will follow up with the commission regarding criminal background checks on individuals.

This item will be brought back in October to have the Commissioners vote on the proposed name.

#### **October 2018**

Senior Activity Center Fitness Zone Park Naming Application - Vote

Chair Franklin read the application details out loud and asked Commissioners for additional questions and comments.

Commissioner Mockus thanked staff for putting the information in this format and for adding details of this individual.

Commissioner Lindsay requested to change the application details to say, "he retired in San Marcos", and to remove, "his family was in San Marcos at least since the 1970's".

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOCKUS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SENSMEIER TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE NAMING OF THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ADULT FITNESS ZONE AS MARK J. NOY JR. ADULT FITNESS ZONE. COMMISSIONERS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### **December 2019**

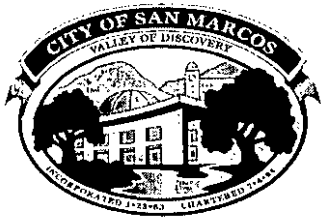
Chair Franklin commented our Commission usually makes park naming recommendations to City Council and when the recommendation comes from the City Council he welcomes it.

#### **January 2020**

Chair Franklin noted at last month's meeting the Commission discussed and agreed on the recommendation by the City Council to name the gymnasium after Mayor Corky Smith and name an urban trail segment along the south side of Barham Drive from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Campus Way after Mayor Lee Thibadeau. This item was not formally voted on and agendaized so Franklin asked to follow the proper protocol and place it on the agenda.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SENSMEIRER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD THE RESOLUTION FOR NAMING THE SAN MARCOS GYMNASIUM FACILITY AND A TRAIL SEGMENT ON BARHAM DRIVE AFTER FORMER MAYORS ON THE AGENDA.

Chair Franklin read the naming resolution to the Commission.



# Report

## MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**MEETING DATE:** June 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Park Naming

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### **Recommendation**

Consider naming City parks at: A. South Lake; B. San Marcos Blvd.; and, C. Richmar Avenue/Firebird Lane sites.

### **Introduction**

In 1990 considerable discussion was devoted to establishing a protocol for the naming of Municipal Facilities, resulting in the adoption of Resolution No. 90-3392 (attached). This Resolution provided guidelines for the selection of names for all municipal facilities and amenities within those facilities.

Generally this Resolution allows the use of an individual's name on specific amenities within a park or for facilities other than parks. The individual should have contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Marcos, be a San Marcos Resident, and/or provided a substantial donation towards the cost of this facility or amenity. Park naming is in a separate category that would tie the naming of parks to an identifiable geographic location or feature, or provide a link with our municipal heritage.

The Community Services Commission has provided park naming recommendations as directed by the Resolution. It is within the Council purview to amend the Resolution or to approve exceptions to this Resolution at the Council's discretion.

### **Discussion**

The Park Master Plan initially designated names for parks that were approved as part of the General Plan Amendment. There are two new parks planned that are not named in the Park Master Plan.

**Item A:** The South Lake reservoir was originally named by the San Marcos County Water District. The Master Park Plan designated the name for this park as South Lake Park. The historical naming of the lake is shown as South Lake on Thomas Brothers maps, VWD plans, and USGS maps. The Community Services Commission recommended three names for this park: 1. South Lake Park; 2. Gittings Recreation Area at South Lake Park; and 3. Shelter Cove Park.

**Item B:** The San Marcos Blvd. Park will be located on a 5 acre parcel to the west of the newly re-constructed San Marcos Elementary School. This park is not included in the Park Master Plan. The Community Services Commission recommended three names for this park: 1. Schoolhouse Park; 2. Boulevard Park; and, 3. Village Park.

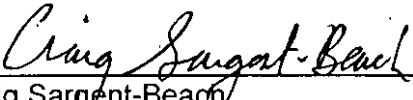
**Item C:** The Richmar Avenue/Firebird Lane Park will be located on a 2 acre parcel located southwest of the post office on the corner of Richmar Avenue and Firebird Lane. This park is not included in the Park Master Plan. The Community Services Commission recommended three names for this park: 1. Park Plaza; 2. Richmar Park; 3. Park Place.

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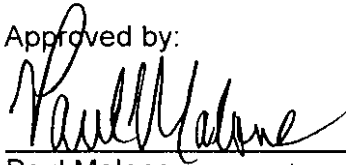
**Attachment(s)**

- Resolution No. 90-3392: Naming of Park Facilities
- Community Services Commission Recommended Park Names for Future Park Sites

Prepared by:

  
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Craig Sargent-Beach,  
Community Services Director

Approved by:

  
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Paul Malone,  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 90-3392

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN  
MARCOS ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY AS IT RELATES TO  
NAMING MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the City Park Master Plan, a number of proposed facilities will ultimately become part of the City's park system, recreational system and municipal service facilities; and.

WHEREAS, the City is frequently approached to consider recognizing various achievements by individuals or groups; and

WHEREAS, the Council feels it is timely to establish a policy in order to provide guidelines for the selection of names for municipal facilities and amenities within those facilities within the City of San Marcos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos that they do hereby adopt this resolution and establish a municipal facility naming policy as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A", and by reference hereby made a part of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos at its regular meeting held this 13th day of March, 1990, by the following roll call vote:

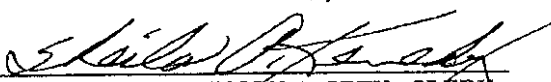
AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARRIS, LOSCHER, PRESTON, SMITH, THIBADEAU

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

  
LEE B. THIBADEAU, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHEILA A. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

AGENDA ITEM  
# 20.3

CITY OF SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: Naming of Municipal Facilities

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the selection of names for all municipal facilities, including parks, recreational facilities, amenities within those facilities and other structural and land areas owned by the City of San Marcos.

BACKGROUND: The City is frequently approached to consider recognizing various achievements by individuals or groups. Most of these achievements can and should be accomplished by written or verbal recognition. Within our parks and recreational facilities, as well as significant municipal structural facilities - occasional permanent recognition may be appropriate.

POLICY: It is the policy of the City Council that applications may be submitted to the Community Services Department to be acted upon and forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation by the Community Services Commission for final Council action and approval for the naming of municipal facilities within the City of San Marcos. Some of the criteria to be considered for naming facilities may be as follows:

A) Specific Amenities Within Parks and Facilities:

1. A name of an individual may be used if that individual has:

a) Contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Marcos and has been a San Marcos resident.

b) Provided a substantial donation toward the cost of construction of a park facility or maintenance of said facility.

2. An organization name may be used if the organization provides a substantial donation towards construction or maintenance of the park or facility.

B. Parks

1. An identifiable geographic location or feature.

2. A name that provides a link with our municipal heritage.

Documents Relating to this Policy

1. Resolution No. 90- 3392 .

AGENDA ITEM  
# 20.4

*Approved by CC.  
3/13/90*

# **Community Services Commission**

## **Recommended Park Names**

### **for Future Park Sites**

#### **Item A: South Lake Site**

- South Lake Park
- Gittings Recreation Area at South Lake Park
- Shelter Cove Park

#### **Item B: San Marcos Blvd. Site**

- Schoolhouse Park
- Boulevard Park
- Village Park

#### **Item C: Richmar Avenue / Firebird Lane Site**

- Park Plaza
- Richmar Park
- Park Place



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN MARCOS NAMING THE CITY PARKS LOCATED AT  
SOUTH LAKE; SAN MARCOS BLVD.; AND RICHMAR  
AVENUE/FIREBIRD LANE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 90-3392 establishes the protocol for the naming of  
Municipal Facilities and amenities within those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Commission has reviewed said facilities  
and provided three park naming recommendations for each of these parks as directed  
by Resolution No. 90-3392 and outlined in the staff report dated June 14, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San  
Marcos hereby names the park located at South Lake, \_\_\_\_\_ Park; the park  
located on San Marcos Blvd. adjacent to San Marcos Elementary School,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Park; and the park located at Richmar Avenue/Firebird Lane,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Park.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San  
Marcos this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, by the following roll call votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

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James M. Desmond, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

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Susie Vasquez, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos

AGENDA ITEM  
# 20.6

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-7517

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SAN MARCOS NAMING THE CITY PARKS LOCATED AT  
SOUTH LAKE; SAN MARCOS BLVD.; AND RICHMAR  
AVENUE/FIREBIRD LANE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 90-3392 establishes the protocol for the naming of  
Municipal Facilities and amenities within those facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Commission has reviewed said facilities  
and provided three park naming recommendations for each of these parks as directed  
by Resolution No. 90-3392 and outlined in staff report dated June 14, 2011; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San  
Marcos hereby names the park located at South Lake, "South Lake Park"; the park  
located on San Marcos Blvd. adjacent to San Marcos Elementary School, "Connors  
Park"; and the park located at Richmar Avenue/Firebird Lane, "Richmar Park".

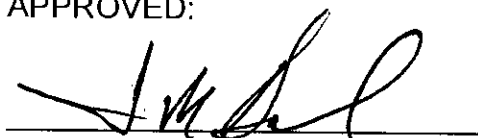
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Marcos this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, by the following roll call votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: JABARA, JONES, MARTIN, ORLANDO, DESMOND

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

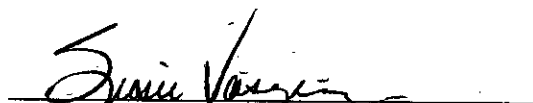
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

APPROVED:



James M. Desmond, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

  
Susie Vasquez, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos



## Staff Report

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**File #:** TMP-0719

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**MEETING DATE:**

JANUARY 10, 2017

**SUBJECT:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-XXXX - NAMING RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW PARK ON ARMORLITE DRIVE

**Recommendation**

Recommendation #1: The Community Services Commission recommends adopting a resolution naming the new park on Armorlite Drive either Wind Spirit Park or Innovation Park.

Recommendation #2: The Community Services Commission recommends adopting a resolution naming the pickle ball courts after Lionel "Doc" Burton. Staff has concerns about naming a fairly common park amenity such as a sports court. Staff's view of the policy regarding naming of specific amenities within a park or facility is that such naming should be reserved for major or unique amenities.

**Commission Action**

Community Services Commission voted at their December 21, 2016 regular meeting to name the new park either Wind Spirit Park or Innovation Park and Lionel "Doc" Burton pickle ball courts.

**Relevant Council Strategic Theme**

Quality of Life

**Relevant Department Goal**

N/A

**Introduction**

A total of eight possible names were compiled for the Community Services Commission review with supporting documentation for consideration. The Commission followed the Naming of Municipal Facilities Resolution #90-3392 which states that applications for recognition of achievements by individuals or groups be reviewed by the Community Services Commission and forwarded to the City Council with Commission recommendation. An individual's name may be used on a specific amenity if that individual has contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Marcos and has been a San Marcos resident.

**Discussion**

**Wind Spirit Park** -the park site is geographically located near the remnants of an early Luiseno village that

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was inhabited during their periodic migrations. The Wind Spirit taught people how they were supposed to live and “sent the tribes to places on earth that were to be their homes” (San Marcos History, by Charlie Musser, 2014)

**Innovation Park**-inspired by the Innovate78 North County Corridor campaign and moniker, an economic development initiative designed to boost economic prosperity and innovation through regional collaboration. Signet Armorlite, Inc, an innovative lens technology manufacturer, was formerly located on this site.

**Lionel “Doc” Burton Pickle Ball Courts**-Dr. Lionel “Doc” Burton, 89, has been a significant contributor to the City of San Marcos. He is a current member of the Community Foundation board, a charter member of San Marcos Rotary Club, and formerly served on the boards of the San Diego County Water District (now Vallecitos) and the San Marcos Unified School District. He was a general practitioner in the community for over 25 years, and many of today’s residents were delivered by his hands. During the 1960’s and 1970’s, Doc also volunteered as the team physician for both San Marcos High School and Palomar College football. Additionally he served two terms as mayor of San Marcos. There are currently no other places or features in the city named for this gentleman.

As noted in the recommendation, staff has concerns about naming common park amenities such as sports courts. Staff’s view of the policy regarding naming of specific amenities within a park or facility is that such naming should be reserved for major or unique amenities such as a gym, barn, recreational center or similar large facilities.

The Community Service Commission reviewed the list and discussed each name, narrowing it down to these. The decision to forward more than one name to the City Council for their consideration was due to the proposals each having merits.

In order to formalize any future park naming opportunities, the Community Services Commission voted to implement a four-step process: 1. Public notification/call for names  
2. Written application submitted by established deadline 3. Commission sub-committee review; those recommendations reviewed by all Commissioners 4. Present selected names to City Council

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact.

**Attachment(s)**

1. Naming of Municipal Facilities Policy
2. Park Naming Application
3. Resolution No. 2017-XXXX

Prepared by: Holly Malan, Community Services Manager  
Submitted by: Holly Malan, Community Services Manager  
Reviewed by: Buck Martin, Community Services Director

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Approved by: Jack Griffin, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 90-3392

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY AS IT RELATES TO NAMING MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, with the adoption of the City Park Master Plan, a number of proposed facilities will ultimately become part of the City's park system, recreational system and municipal service facilities; and.

WHEREAS, the City is frequently approached to consider recognizing various achievements by individuals or groups; and

WHEREAS, the Council feels it is timely to establish a policy in order to provide guidelines for the selection of names for municipal facilities and amenities within those facilities within the City of San Marcos.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos that they do hereby adopt this resolution and establish a municipal facility naming policy as outlined in the attached Exhibit "A", and by reference hereby made a part of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos at its regular meeting held this 13th day of March, 1990, by the following roll call vote:

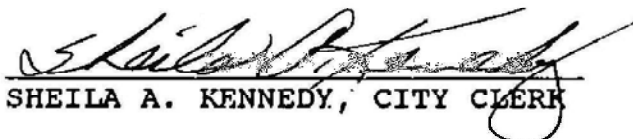
AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARRIS, LOSCHER, PRESTON, SMITH, THIBADEAU

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

  
LEE B. THIBADEAU, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHEILA A. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

AGENDA ITEM  
#7.4

CITY OF SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: Naming of Municipal Facilities

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for the selection of names for all municipal facilities, including parks, recreational facilities, amenities within those facilities and other structural and land areas owned by the City of San Marcos.

BACKGROUND: The City is frequently approached to consider recognizing various achievements by individuals or groups. Most of these achievements can and should be accomplished by written or verbal recognition within our parks and recreational facilities, as well as significant municipal structural facilities - occasional permanent recognition may be appropriate.

POLICY: It is the policy of the City Council that applications may be submitted to the Community Services Department to be acted upon and forwarded to the City Council with a recommendation by the Community Services Commission for final Council action and approval for the naming of municipal facilities within the City of San Marcos. Some of the criteria to be considered for naming facilities may be as follows:

A) Specific Amenities Within Parks and Facilities:

1. A name of an individual may be used if that individual has:
  - a) Contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Marcos and has been a San Marcos resident.
  - b) Provided a substantial donation toward the cost of construction of a park facility or maintenance of said facility.
2. An organization name may be used if the organization provides a substantial donation towards construction or maintenance of the park or facility.

B. Parks

1. An identifiable geographic location or feature.
2. A name that provides a link with our municipal heritage.

Documents Relating to this Policy

1. Resolution No. 90- 3392 .





RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN  
MARCOS OFFICIALLY NAMING THE PARK ON ARMORLITE  
DRIVE AS “ \_\_\_\_\_PARK”

WHEREAS, The City Council has policy #90-3392 on the procedure to name  
municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of that policy is to designate public parks facilities, and other  
municipal amenities in a systematic fashion which promotes public awareness and use of  
these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Community Services Commission, after receiving name  
recommendations and then prioritizing those suggested names at their meeting on  
December 21, 2016 discussed the issue and recommends the official name of the Park on  
Armorlite Drive officially designated as “ \_\_\_\_\_Park”; and a park amenity be named the  
Lionel “Doc” Burton Pickle Ball Courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Marcos  
hereby officially designates the Park on Armorlite Drive as “ \_\_\_\_\_Park” and the Lionel  
“Doc” Burton Pickle Ball Courts.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos,  
California, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of January 2017 by the following roll  
call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

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James M. Desmond, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

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Phillip Scollick, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos



**PARK NAMING APPLICATION**  
Parks & Recreation Department  
3 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos, CA 92069  
760.744.9000

**Applicant Name** (individual submitting request): Parks & Recreation staff

**Address:** 3 Civic Center Drive

**City:** San Marcos

**Zip:** 92069

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ **Non-Profit**

**Location of PARK or COMPONENT to be considered for naming:**

☐ Park: Senior Center Park

☒ Component: Adult Fitness Zone

**Suggested Name:** Mark J. Noy, Jr Adult Fitness Zone

**Category:**

☒ Individual – *has contributed significantly to the quality of life in San Marcos and has been a San Marcos resident and/or provided a substantial donation towards construction and/or maintenance of the park/facility*

☐ Organization – *provided a substantial donation towards construction and/or maintenance of the park/facility*

☐ Neighborhood / Geographic Location – *identifies the geographic location, feature or common name that gives identity to an area*

☐ Municipal Heritage – *provides a link to/with San Marcos heritage*

**Please provide a written narrative that supports the nomination** (must be completed for consideration)

The estate of Mr. Mark J. Noy, Jr. has made a significant monetary donation to the San Marcos Senior Activity Center, formerly called the Joslyn Senior Center.

Mr. Noy lived many years in Southern California, and his family was in San Marcos at least since the 1970's, according to County property records. He was a Doctor of Optometry. He passed away in 2011, leaving 25% of his estate as stated above.

This is the sum total of all information that was available, however his contribution provides a solid case for naming the new amenity, the *Mark J. Noy, Jr. Adult Fitness Zone*.

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*Supporting documentation is encouraged. Please attach additional pages, biographies, materials and information if needed.*



## Staff Report

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**File #:** TMP-1097, **Version:** 1

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**MEETING DATE:**

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-8556 - NAMING RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW FITNESS ZONE ADJACENT TO SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

**Recommendation**

ADOPT a resolution naming the new fitness zone adjacent to the Senior Activity Center as the "Mark J. Noy, Jr. Adult Fitness Zone".

**Board or Commission Action**

Parks and Recreation Commission voted at their October 17, 2018 regular meeting to name the new amenity the Mark J. Noy, Jr. Adult Fitness Zone.

**Relevant Council Strategic Theme**

Quality of Life

**Relevant Department Goal**

N/A

**Executive Summary**

The estate of Dr. Mark J. Noy, Jr. has made a significant monetary donation to the San Marcos Senior Activity Center, formerly called the Joslyn Senior Center. A large portion of the funds donated by Dr. Noy Jr. are responsible for funding the newly constructed fitness zone amenity. As such, staff has recommended to the Parks and Recreation Commission that they consider naming the new fitness zone amenity in honor of Dr. Noy Jr.

**Discussion**

The Senior Activity Center Fitness Zone, Capital Improvement Project #83009, is under construction and anticipated to be complete in November 2018. The amenity will replace the current tot lot in the parking lot area of the Senior Activity Center with a new fitness zone that will include various pieces of equipment to allow people of all fitness levels to exercise outside; adding a new fitness element to the City's overall recreational offerings. The area will also include a new shade structure and ADA improvements.

Dr. Noy Jr. was a doctor of Optometry who lived for 86 years in Southern California. Based on research, it is presumed that he retired in San Marcos and owned property in the City since the 1970's. He passed away in 2011, leaving 25% of his estate to the San Marcos Senior Activity Center. A variety of avenues were explored

to learn more about Dr. Noy Jr. and his history, but limited information was available.

**Environmental Review**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact**

None

**Attachment(s)**

1. Naming of Municipal Facilities Policy
2. Park Naming Application
3. Resolution No. 2017-XXXX

Prepared by: Darren Chamow, Senior Management Analyst  
Submitted by: Darren Chamow, Senior Management Analyst  
Reviewed by: Buck Martin, Parks and Recreation Director  
Approved by: Jack Griffin, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN  
MARCOS OFFICIALLY NAMING THE ADULT FITNESS  
COMPONENT AT THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

WHEREAS, The City Council has policy #90-3392 on the procedure to name municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of that policy is to designate public parks facilities, and other municipal amenities in a systematic fashion which promotes public awareness and use of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission, after receiving name recommendations and then prioritizing those suggested names at their meeting on October 17, 2018 discussed the issue and recommends the official name of the fitness amenity at the Senior Activity Center designated as Mark J. Noy, Jr. Adult Fitness Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Marcos, hereby officially designates the fitness amenity at the Senior Activity Center at 111 Richmar Ave. as the Mark J. Noy, Jr. Adult Fitness Zone.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

APPROVED:

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James M. Desmond, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

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Phillip Scollick, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS NAMING THE SAN MARCOS GYMNASIUM FACILITY AND A TRAIL SEGMENT ON BARHAM DRIVE AFTER FORMER MAYORS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 90-3392 provides guidelines for the selection of names for all municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of that policy is to designate public parks facilities, and other municipal amenities in a systematic fashion which promotes public awareness and use of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission (formerly the Community Services Commission) met on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to consider confirming the name of the City of San Marcos Gymnasium facility as the F.H. "Corky" Smith Gymnasium, in honor of former Mayor F.H. "Corky" Smith, who passed away in 2019, and also considered designating a .3 segment of urban trail along the south side of Barham Drive from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Campus Way after former Mayor Lee B. Thibadeau, who also passed away in 2019, and recommended that the Council so name said municipal facilities;

WHEREAS, naming the above-referenced municipal facilities as described above is consistent with and meets the provisions of the City Council Policy on the Naming of Municipal Facilities, as set forth in Resolution No. 90-3392.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Marcos does hereby officially designate the City of San Marcos Gymnasium facility located at 274 Pico Ave. as the *F.H. "Corky" Smith Gymnasium*, and does also hereby officially designate the .3 mile segment of urban trail along the south side of Barham Dr. from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Campus Way as the *Mayor Lee B. Thibadeau Trail*.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Marcos, California, at a regular meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

APPROVED:

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Rebecca D. Jones, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

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Phillip Scollick, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos



## Staff Report

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File #: TMP-1318, Version: 1

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MEETING DATE:  
JANUARY 28, 2020

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-8719 - NAMING OF SAN MARCOS GYMNASIUM AND TRAIL SEGMENT AFTER FORMER MAYORS

### Recommendation

APPROVE naming of Corky Smith Gym after former Mayor Corky Smith and naming of trail segment along Barham Dr. after former Mayor Lee B. Thibadeau.

Board or Commission Action (If not applicable, please state not applicable below)

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and recommended via 7-0 vote that the Council implement these naming actions for the referenced municipal facilities.

Relevant Council Strategic Theme (If not applicable, please state not applicable below)

Quality of Life

Relevant Department Goal (If not applicable, please state not applicable below)

Not Applicable

### Executive Summary

For years, the City of San Marcos Gymnasium facility located at 274 Pico Ave. has commonly been referred to as the F.H. "Corky" Smith Gymnasium, after former Mayor F.H. "Corky" Smith; however, formal action to that effect has not been located. Mayor Rebecca Jones had suggested that the City Council consider confirming the gymnasium facility name as the F.H. "Corky" Smith Gymnasium after Mr. Smith passed away in 2019. Former Mayor Lee B. Thibadeau also passed away in 2019. It was suggested that the .3 mile segment of urban trail along the south side of Barham Dr. from Twin Oaks Valley Road to Campus Way be named after former Mayor Lee B. Thibadeau.

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the matter at its January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, and recommended that these facilities be so named. A letter of support has also been provided by former City Manager Rick Gittings. The proposed Resolution will formally name the facilities as described above.

### Discussion

Corky Smith, who served as a Council Member for 14 years and then served three terms as Mayor, was instrumental in transforming the city from a rural community to a prosperous center of business and education. He was a vital participant in negotiations to build California State University San Marcos, as well as the construction of the Civic Center complex. Mr. Smith passed away in early 2019, leaving a legacy as a

dedicated public servant to the City of San Marcos. Formally confirming that the Gymnasium is named after him will honor Mayor Smith and his contributions to the City.

If approved by the City Council, signage at the gymnasium will be updated to reflect the official name as the F.H. "Corky" Smith Gymnasium. The current monument sign in front of the Gymnasium is a joint sign with the Boys and Girls Club; accordingly, staff will work with the Club to update the signage.

Lee B. Thibadeau was a resident of San Marcos for 45 years, serving on the City Council for two terms, and serving as Mayor of the City from 1986 to 1995. He was also instrumental in expanding Highway 78, helping bring California State University San Marcos to the City, and bringing the Sheriff's substation to San Marcos. During his tenure as Mayor, the population of San Marcos more than quadrupled, and he was essential in guiding San Marcos to becoming the economic and education hub it is today. Mayor Thibadeau passed away in October, 2019; he will be known for establishing a legacy of smart fiscal management that carries on to this day within the City of San Marcos Council.

If approved by the City Council, the Public Works Department would install a sign on each end of the trail segment to identify it as having been named in honor of former Mayor Thibadeau.

The proposed naming of these municipal facilities after former Mayors is consistent with the City Council Policy on the naming of municipal facilities, a copy of which is included as part of this agenda item.

#### Environmental Review

N/A

#### Fiscal Impact

Expenses related to the trail signage will be expended from General Fund (100) in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operations & Maintenance budget. Upon approval of the resolution, staff will work with the Boys and Girls Club to update the monument sign on Pico Ave.

Updating the lettering on the gymnasium building will be designated as a Capital Improvement Project and will be a project proposed in the FY 2020-21 Capital Improvement Projects Budget.

#### Attachments

1. City Council Policy - Naming of Municipal Facilities
2. Resolution No. 2020-XXXX
3. Letter of Support from former City Manager Rick Gittings

Prepared by: Darren Chamow, Program Manager

Submitted by: Darren Chamow, Program Manager

Reviewed by: Buck Martin, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approved by: Jack Griffin, City Manager