

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/25/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0613

LOG NAME: 80RYANPLACETRINGLEPARKRENAMING

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize the Renaming of Ryan Place Triangle Park to Joan Kline Park

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the renaming of Ryan Place Triangle Park to Joan Kline Park located in Council District 9.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the renaming of Ryan Place Triangle Park to Joan Kline Park located in Council District 9

Park History

Ryan Place Triangle Park, located at 3001 Fifth Avenue in Council District 9, was purchased and dedicated as public parkland in 1974. The 0.27 parcel purchase was made in response to the public's requests for additional parkland. On June 11, 1974, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the purchase of the triangular piece of land long sought after by the Ryan Place Neighborhood Association. Several amenities have been completed and opened to public use including benches and a sitting area with bricks.

SIGNIFICANCE OF JOAN KLINE

Joan Kline lived her life advocating for improving Fort Worth and especially the Near Southside. She genuinely cared for her community and was a strong and powerful voice in successfully driving positive changes. Her community activism began in the 1980s as she played an instrumental role in the early revitalization of the Near Southside corridor and Magnolia Ave. Joan's preservation advocacy culminated in the successful local designation and protection of the Historic Fairmount Neighborhood and the historic homes of Elizabeth Boulevard. She was an advocate and leader for the expansion of Fire Station Park and the creation of the skate park.

NAMING OF CITY-OWNED FACILITIES

On August 26, 1980, the City Council adopted a Resolution establishing procedures for the naming of City-owned facilities. The Resolution provides that in order for a City-owned facility to be named after an individual, the individual must be deceased. Under the Resolution, recommendations for naming City-owned facilities are subject to evaluations from the appropriate department [in this instance the Park & Recreation Department (PARD)] and the City Manager's Office and are forwarded to the City Council for consideration and action. In addition, the PARD has established its own internal Park and Facility Naming Policy, endorsed by the Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PARAB) which follows the parameters of the City Council Resolution, but also requires, (i) the submission of a petition signed by users of the particular park or facility to demonstrate community support for the proposed naming, (ii) publication in the newspaper, (iii) a public comment period, (iv) a report and recommendation by the Park & Recreation Director to the PARAB, and (v) consideration and action by the Board. In addition to all of the above conditions, the requestor shall provide a biographical sketch and documentation of the individual's contributions to the park system; public notice of the proposed name change must be published in the City's official newspaper three times during a ninety (90) day period; citizen comments must be in writing to the Director of PARD and be postmarked within the ninety (90) day public notice period. At the end of the ninety (90) day public notice period, the PARD Director shall submit a summary of the comments and recommendations received to the PARAB for review; after the review by the PARAB, the name shall be submitted to the City Council for their consideration and action.

On May 22, 2024, the Park & Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously in favor of the park name change.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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