



Item 24: Renaming Pollard Park Pond

Proposed Name Change

From: Pollard Pond Park
To: Mario Navarro Park

Under the Naming or Renaming Guidelines for City Parks and Recreation facilities to name after an Outstanding Individual (Non-Living) or Group

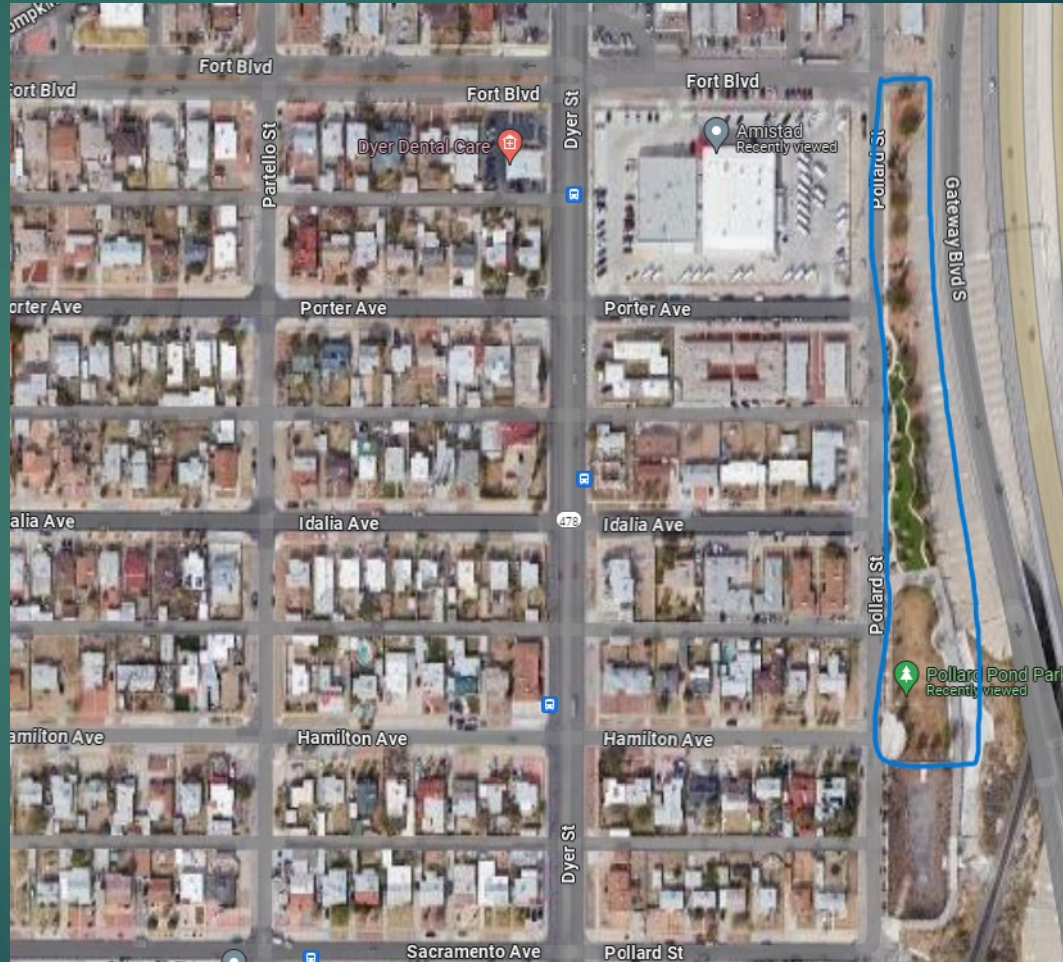
Applicant: Betty Flores, Mother



Park Location and Detail

Pollard Pond Park is located at 2920 Pollard Street.

The park consists of two green spaces and a walking path spanning Hamilton Ave. and Fort Blvd.



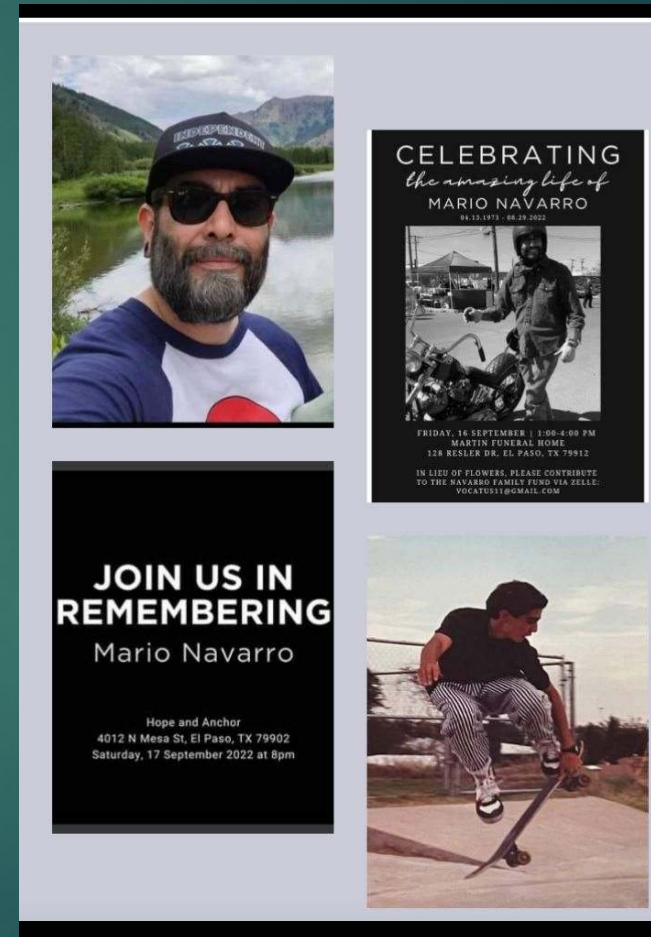
Renaming Pollard Park

We propose renaming Pollard Pond Park to “Mario Navarro Park” to honor the legacy of a remarkable individual who significantly impacted our community. Mario Navarro, a long-time resident, dedicated his life to the betterment of our neighborhood through extensive community involvement, youth mentorship, volunteerism, and advocacy.



Remembering Mario Navarro

Mario Navarro was a Union Pacific train conductor for nearly a decade. On August 29, 2022, Mario lost his life in a tragic train derailment in the Lower Valley as he was guiding a train into the railyard. Mario is survived by his wife, two children, his mother and father, two brothers, and the community he tirelessly served.



Community Leader

- ▶ Mario Navarro was a true servant to his community who provided opportunities for local youth to grow together and build a sense of community.
- ▶ Mario's mentoring encouraged positive development and community involvement through golf, art, and skateboarding.
- ▶ Mario advocated for the betterment of his community, actively engaged in community service and mentorship, and build a community around Pollard Pond Park.



Avid Outdoorsman and Park Enthusiast

- ▶ Pollard Pond Park was Mario's neighborhood park where he spent time with friends and family.
- ▶ Mario constantly organized events in community parks encouraging others to use these spaces for community meetings, picnics, bike rides, and walks.
- ▶ Mario believed that parks are essential for connecting the community to nature and building bonds with each other.



Advocacy and Involvement

- ▶ Mario was dedicated to partnering with nonprofit organizations to respond to our community's greatest needs.
- ▶ Mario regularly attended community meetings to advocate for his neighbors and encourage engagement in contributing to the community's well-being.
- ▶ Mario had a deep love for his community that inspired him to become an advocate for social justice and community improvements that ranged from educational reform to environmental conservation centering the most underrepresented voices.



