

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 8.27.24 Regular Council Meeting

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Josh Acevedo – 915-212-0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 2

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

A resolution to accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to approve the renaming of Pollard Park Pond, located at 3090 Pollard St., El Paso, Texas, 79930, to "Mario Navarro Park".

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

This item was unanimously approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on August 14, 2024.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Parks have previously been named to honor exceptional individuals.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Costs are incurred by the applicant.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT City Council accepts the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and hereby approves the renaming of Pollard Pond Park, located at 3090 St., El Paso, TX 79930, within the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as “Mario Navarro Park”; and

THAT Pollard Pond Park was not originally named for the purpose of honoring an outstanding individual but, rather, named for its geographic proximity to Pollard Street; and

THAT Elizabeth Flores (“Applicant”) shall incur the customary costs associated with the renaming of the park, such as installing or replacing signs with the park name or any other signs posted or affixed to a facility. Any proposed signs shall be reviewed and agreed upon by both the Parks and Recreation Department and Applicant, District 2; and

THAT the renaming honors Mario Navarro who has provided a culturally significant contribution to the park and credible service to the park system and community as a whole; and

THAT the renaming abides by all park naming and name change guidelines.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeson
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jesus A. Quintanilla
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Pablo Caballero, Director
Parks and Recreation

(Exhibit "A" on the following page)



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Application



Applicant Information

Please print or type the information in black ink

Applicant Name: Elizabeth Flores (Mom) Monique Navarro (Widow)
Mailing Address: 2816 Taylor Ave. City: El Paso Zip: 79930
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (915) 252-3568
Email Address: bettiflores11@aol.com
Organization: Family Request ☐ Non-Profit

Proposed Name / Change

Park/Facility Location/Address: 2900 Pollard 79930
Current name of Park or Facility: Pollard Pond Park ☐ Not Applicable

Suggested Name: MARIO NAVARRO

Category:

- ☐ Outstanding Individual(s)

Acknowledges the sustained contribution that has been made by such individual(s) to the City of El Paso and/or the development and management of the City's park and recreation system.

- ☐ Common usage identifying the Neighborhood

Acknowledges the geographic location or common name that gives a particular identity to a neighborhood.

- ☐ Historical Event, Person, Place

Preserves and honors the history of El Paso, its founders, other historical figures or local landmarks.

- ☐ Natural or Geographical Feature to the area

Acknowledges a prominent or unique natural or geological feature in the surrounding area.

- ☐ Benefit/Organization Acknowledgement

Major gift, acknowledges the significant benefit of a donation

- ☒ Other

Describe:

Community Engagement & Youth Mentorship

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PARKS AND RECREATION
STAFF ONLY

Date Received at PARD Admin: _____

Date District Rep. Notified: _____

Date of Committee Meeting: _____

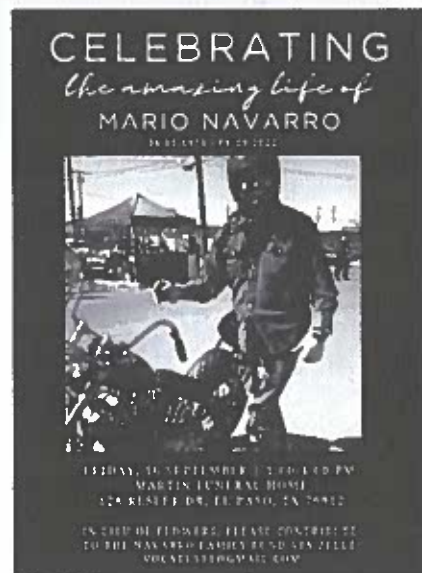
Date of PRAB Meeting: _____

Date of City Council Meeting: _____

Mario Navarro

4/13/1973

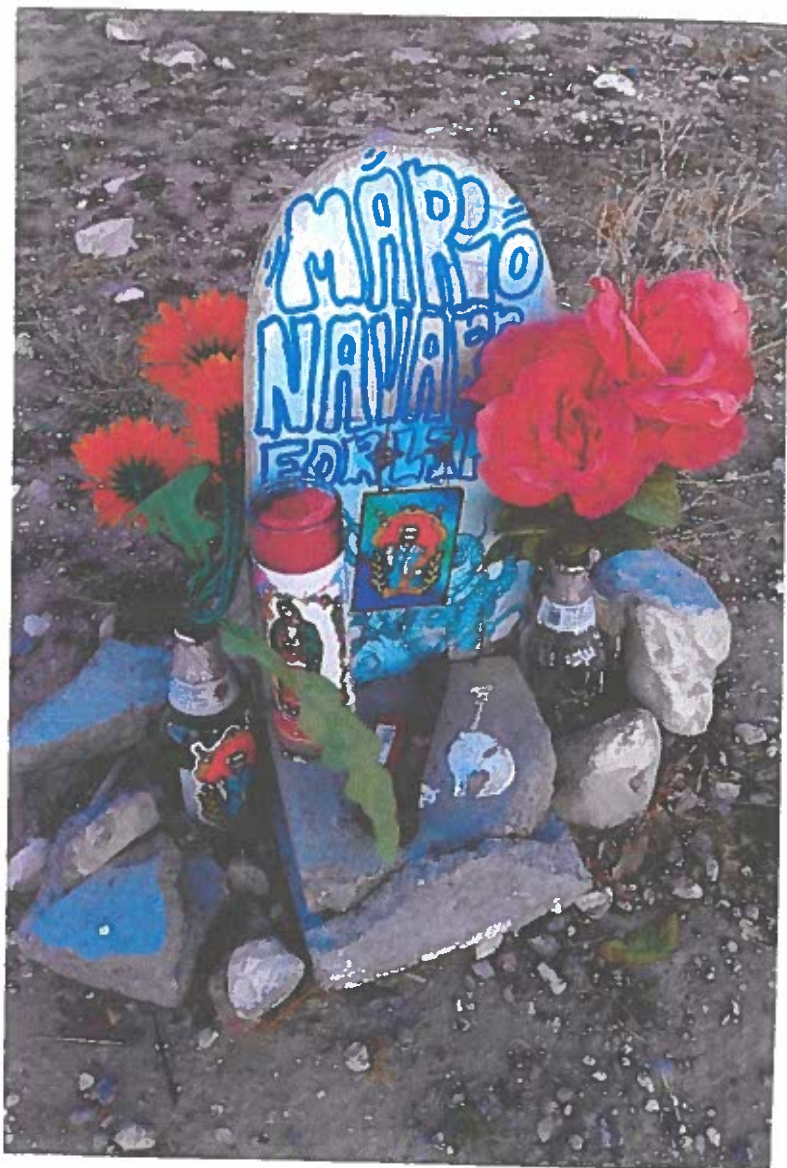
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Mario Navarro

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Nomination Proposal: Renaming Pollard Park in Honor of Mario Navarro

We propose renaming Pollard Park in 79930 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 engagement, youth mentorship, outdoor activities, volunteerism, advocacy, and political involvement.

Community Engagement and Youth Mentorship

A cornerstone of our community, Mario Navarro was known for his unwavering commitment to youth mentorship. He spent countless hours guiding young people, helping them navigate life's challenges, and inspiring them to reach their full potential through golf, art, and skateboarding. Mario's mentorship extended beyond simple advice; he fostered a sense of belonging and purpose among the youth, often organizing activities and events that encouraged positive development and community involvement.

Avid Outdoorsman and Park Enthusiast

Mario was an avid outdoorsman who frequently spent time with friends and family at Pollard Park. His love for nature and outdoor activities was infectious, inspiring many to appreciate and utilize the park's resources. Whether it was organizing community meetings, picnics, bike rides, or walks, Mario's presence in the park was a testament to his belief in the importance of connecting with nature and fostering communal bonds.

Volunteerism and Non-Profit Involvement

Mario's dedication to volunteerism was unparalleled. He collaborated with numerous non-profits, offering his time and skills to support various causes. From food drives to neighborhood clean-ups, Mario was always at the forefront at neighborhood and community meetings, leading by example and encouraging others to contribute to the community's well-being. His efforts not only addressed immediate needs but also strengthened the fabric of our community, creating a culture of service and solidarity.

Advocacy and Political Engagement

Navarro was a passionate advocate for social justice and community improvement. His advocacy efforts spanned numerous issues, from educational reform to environmental conservation. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the underrepresented were heard, often collaborating with local officials and organizations to drive meaningful change. His political engagement was rooted in a deep love for his community and a commitment to making it a better place for all.

A Legacy Honored by Congresswoman Veronica Escobar

The impact of Mario Navarro's life was recognized at the highest levels. Following his untimely passing, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar elected to fly a flag at the United States Capitol in his honor. This significant gesture underscored the profound influence Mario had on our community and beyond. It serves as a powerful reminder of his dedication, leadership, and the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

Renaming Pollard Park to "Mario Navarro Park" would not only honor his memory but also serve as an enduring symbol of the values he embodied: community, service, and advocacy. This change would:

- **Preserve His Legacy:** Ensuring that future generations remember and are inspired by Navarro's contributions.
- **Promote Community Pride:** Highlighting the positive impact one individual can have, fostering a sense of pride and unity within the community.
- **Encourage Engagement:** Serving as a reminder of the importance of community involvement, potentially inspiring others to follow in Mario's footsteps.
- **Acknowledge Local Heroes:** Recognizing and celebrating the contributions of local residents who have dedicated their lives to improving the community.

Renaming Pollard Park to "Mario Navarro Park" is a fitting tribute to a man who dedicated his life to the service of others. Mario Navarro's legacy has left an indelible mark on our community. This renaming would not only honor his memory but also inspire current and future residents to continue his work, ensuring that his spirit of service and dedication lives on.

We respectfully urge the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation department to consider this proposal, recognizing the profound impact Navarro had on our community and the enduring legacy he leaves behind.

Mario A. Navarro

4/13/1973 - 8/29/2022

Mario was employed by Union Pacific Railroad, he was a conductor who was killed on August 29, 2022 because of a train derailment.

Mario was a wonderful son, great husband and an excellent father to his two children Matix and Mia.

Mario started skating since he was 5 years old and continued through out his life, he was well known in the skating community in El Paso.

Mario had a very easy personality and made friends with everyone, he was always teaching young skaters safety tips. One of his favorite skating places was here at Pollard Skating Ditch. Since Mario's death skaters have placed a skateboard alter and a large mural there.

We are hoping to change the name of the park to:

Mario A. Navarro

Navs Skate Park

Mother (Betti Flores), Wife (Monique Navarro) and Children (Matix & Mia Navarro) thank you very much for your help in this effort.



Total signatures 71

Suggested Name: Mario A. Navarro "Navs Skate Park"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:
Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
1. Victor Martinez	4034 Sacramento	915-251-0772	[Signature]
2. FRANCISCO RUBIO	4030 SACRAMENTO	915 276-9191	[Signature]
3. Josefina Marin	4017 Sacramento	915 274-6721	[Signature]
4. Maria Sanchez	3900 DYER		[Signature]
5. Darlene Acosta	2904 Dyer	(915) 740-8902	[Signature]
6. Federico Cardia	4001 Dyer	915 487-4892	[Signature]
7. Stephanie Cheseby	4013 Hamilton	915-799-8097	[Signature]
8. Christa Dyer	4020 Hamilton		[Signature]
9. Coledad Soto	4025 Hamilton	915 9203449	[Signature]
10. Sarah Gonzalez	4036 Idaho #2	915 231 0916	[Signature]
11. Jesus Saenz	4036 IDAHO #5	915 276-8332	[Signature]
12. Loka Saenz	4036 IDAHO #5	915 226-1532	[Signature]
13. Paul Cervantes	3113 Dyer #2	915-331-0542	[Signature]
14. Paul Cervantes	4036 Idaho	915 443-4311	[Signature]
15. Tommy Ho	4021 IDAHO	915 3488315	[Signature]
16. Carlos Ho	4021 IDAHO	915 250-7753	[Signature]
17. Carlos Ho	3130 Dyer		[Signature]
18. Rich Tovar	4012 Dyer		[Signature]
19. Sebastian Miller	3917 Stobie	915-472-8753	[Signature]
20. Sebastian Miller			

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Suggested Name: MARIO A. NAVARRO "NAVY'S SKATE PARK"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:

Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name Address Phone Number Signature

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| 21 | | | | |
| 22 | Luis AGUIERO | 3925 | 253-471-6747 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 23 | Pita AGUIERO | 3925 IDALIA AV. | 626-539-0004 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 24 | Manuel Barron | 3919 Porter | (915) 873-1113 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 25 | Rosario Barron | 3919 Porter | (915) 240-0833 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 26 | Alex Barron | 3915 Porter | 915 922-7085 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 27 | JOE RODRIGUEZ | 3905 Porter | 2045119 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 28 | Almiz Cabello | 3905 Porter | 202 6203 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 29 | José Valeros | 3928 Porter | 915-562-3308 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 30 | Natalia Gurr | 3819 Porter | | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 31 | Randal G. Cephus | 3812 Porter | 915 5887360 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 32 | Yvonne Torres | 3814 Porter | 972-961914 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 33 | Timi Barba | 3724 Porter | 915 539-7811 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 34 | Ryan V. FERRIS | 3604 IDALIA | 915 5669779 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 35 | George Molina | 3631 Idalia | 915 472 1116 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 36 | Reese Maria Es Hernandez | 3710 IDALIA | 915-790-6209 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 37 | Alex Selgado | 3714 IDALIA | 915-453-458 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 38 | Sabellia Montes | 3709 IDALIA | 915-740-6194 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| 39 | Eckle Terry | 3807 IDALIA | 915-494-2787 | <i>[Signature]</i> |
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Suggested Name: Maria A. Navarro "Mays Skate Park"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:
Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
41 Paola Mart	3814 Idalia	915 355 9202	[Signature]
42 Paola Rodriguez	3815 Idalia	915 490 9728	[Signature]
43 Elizabeth Lopez	3831 Idalia	915-999-2144	[Signature]
44 Cady Divena	" "	915-407-4430	[Signature]
45 Kimberly Flores	" "	915-407-4430	[Signature]
46 Jenny Lopez	" "	915 407-4430	[Signature]
47 EDUARDO BELTRAN	3831 Idalia	(915) 260-3554	[Signature]
48 WANE PAPER	" "	(915) 275-6625	[Signature]
49 Mike Scott	318 Hamilton	915-565-9351	[Signature]
50 Yvonda Avila	318 Hamilton	565-9351	[Signature]
51 Ana Grandos	3810 Hamilton Ave	915-999-6665	[Signature]
52 Gregorio Grandos	3810 Hamilton Ave	915-999-6665	[Signature]
53 Tyde A Ramos	3811 Sacramento	915-565-7147	[Signature]
54 Ricardo Ramos	3811 Sacramento	915-269-1449	[Signature]
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Suggested Name: MARIO A. NAVARRO "NAVS SKATE PARK"

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:
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Name Address Phone Number Signature

61 K. Michael Ayuda	3383 Sacramento, 95130	915-252-4520	
62 Gloria M. Ayuda	3383 Sacramento 95130	915-355-604	
63 LOUIE SANCHEZ	3431 FORT ST	915-727-8519	
64 Diana Ramirez	3409 Fort - 95130	915-526-9946	
65 Betsemay Yajir	3409 Fort Blvd 95130	202-641-0231	
66 Anna Aleman	3431 Fort Blvd	915-667-8932	
67 Ezekiel Cantrell	3605 Fort Blvd	915-238-7314	
68 Laura Cantrell	3605 Fort Blvd	915-490-9337	
69 FRANCISCO DELgado	3610 FORT BLVD	915-252-4655	
70 Barbara Espinoza	3610 Fort Blvd	915-853-6045	
71 Citlali Delgado	3610 Fort Blvd	915-766-3137	
72 Silvia Calderon	3900 Fort Blvd	915-309-9932	
73 Victor Dwy	3622 Fort Blvd	408-831-563	
74 VICTOR RAMIREZ	3912 IDALIA AVE	915-494-1154	
75 Juanen Ruvo	4028 Hamilton Ave	915-803-1700	
76 FERR GINER	4024 HAMILTON AVE	915-478-1294	
77 Alejandro Maese	3923 Hamilton Ave.	915-303-6204	
78 Maria Maese	2319 Byron	915-727-6633	
79 Alan Maese	3923 Hamilton Ave.	915-271-1776	
80 Faibel Maese	2319 Byron	408-264-3702	