



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Jon Cicirelli

SUBJECT: NAMING OF A NEW PUBLIC PARK
AT 3257 PAYNE AVENUE

DATE: August 8, 2022

Approved

Date

8/17/2022

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” as the official name for a new public park as recommended by staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission as a result of a public outreach process.

OUTCOME

Approval of the recommendation will provide an official name for a new public park. The name will be recognized in the City of San José’s (City) park inventory and posted on a sign at the site.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 1.9-acre park site is located within Council District 1 on the north side of Payne Avenue approximately half a mile east of San Tomas Expressway and half a mile west of Winchester Boulevard (as shown in Attachment A: Park Location Map).

This site will convert a former church and preschool to a new City public park. The Master Plan for the park was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 2, 2020 and approved by the City Council on October 27, 2020¹. Design documents for the park are 100 percent complete and construction is expected to begin in fall 2022. Attachment B shows the concept plan for this space. This process will lead to the City Council officially naming the park prior to its anticipated public opening in 2023.

¹ September 2020 Master Plan Report for Payne Avenue Park:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/77681/637685979501700000>

On June 1, 2022², the Parks and Recreation Commission voted (7-0-3 – Commissioners Snider, Villarreal, and Vega absent) to recommend adoption of the name “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” consistent with Council Policy 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities, and the public outreach process.

ANALYSIS

City Council Policy Number 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities³, (Policy 7-5) establishes guidelines and procedures the City follows to name City-owned land and facilities that are not public streets. Per Policy 7-5, official names must be reflective of one of the following criteria:

- Geographic location;
- Prominent geographic feature or local reference point;
- Adjoining subdivision/community;
- Historical event;
- An individual who has made significant contributions to San José, the state, the nation, or the world and who has been deceased for at least five years;
- An individual via a donation or sponsorship agreement; or
- A group via a donation or sponsorship agreement.

Policy 7-5 also encourages names that reflect the City’s ethnic and cultural diversity. The City’s Racial Equity commitment⁴ supports identifying ways to improve outcomes for Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/x, Asian and Pacific Islander, and People of Color.

Staff recommends the City Council adopt “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” as the official park name. Staff finds that naming the park “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” aligns with Policy 7-5 because it reflects a geographic location (Payne Avenue is a public street that fronts the park site) and because it is the highest ranked name choice by the community (see Public Outreach section below). “Friendship” could also be interpreted as promoting good relationships between all ethnicities and cultures, which is consistent with the City’s Racial Equity commitment and the intent of Policy 7-5 to be inclusive.

² City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission, June 1, 2022, Meeting Agenda:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/86447/637892457206800000>

³ Council Policy Number 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities:

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/12757/636669904910330000>

⁴ City of San José Office of the City Manager: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/office-of-the-city-manager/office-of-racial-equity>

CONCLUSION

The recommended park name, “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” aligns with Policy 7-5 and reflects the highest preference ranking by the community. The recommended park name is also supported by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The selected name will appear on a sign at the park.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Once a name is adopted, staff will coordinate with the City Clerk’s Office to ensure the name is recorded and the Public Works Department to include park signage during construction.

CLIMATE SMART SAN JOSÉ

The recommendation in this memorandum has no effect on Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals.

POLICY ALTERNATIVES

Alternative #1: Select an alternative park name from the list of qualifying names generated through the public outreach process.

Pros: City Council could adopt a name from the list of qualifying names received during the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services’ (Department) public surveys (see Table 1 in the Public Outreach section below for the list of qualifying names). “West of Eden” and “George C. Payne Ranch Park” were the second and third most preferred names in the Department’s public surveys. “West of Eden” would reflect the park’s geographic location in relation to the adjacent public street (Eden Avenue). “George C. Payne Ranch Park” would honor George C. Payne, the former owner of the ranch where the park site is located, who was a renowned horticulturalist known for his pioneering achievements in grafting walnuts⁵.

Cons: City Council would be selecting a name other than the one recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Department staff and a name that was supported by the community during the public outreach process.

⁵ Biographical references on George C. Payne:
<https://www.mariposaresearch.net/santaclararesearch/SCBIOS/gcpayne.html>;
<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8qv3smc/admin/#did>; and
https://www.moreland.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=427312&type=d&pREC_ID=990650

Reason for not recommending: “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” was the highest ranked name by the community and is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission and Department staff as a result of the public outreach process described below.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Department completed a multi-phase online survey process that encouraged public participation, solicited name suggestions, and allowed the public to rank their preferences for a qualified name.

Names were initially solicited during an in-person Master Planning community meeting held on January 31, 2020. With the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and delays in the master plan process, the naming process was halted.

Staff restarted the naming process in 2021 through two online public surveys that allowed participants to suggest names and rank their preferred name from the list of qualifying names. The two online public surveys were held during the following dates:

- Name Suggestion Survey conducted between October 13, 2021 to October 22, 2021; and
- Ranked Choice Voting Survey conducted between November 15, 2021 to December 1, 2021.

This effort resulted in “Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park” as the highest ranked name. The name Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park was too similar to the existing “Edenvale Gardens Regional Park”⁶; therefore, staff did not recommend this name to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

“Payne Avenue Friendship Park” was the next highest ranked name; however, in an effort to align with the City’s Racial Equity commitment, Department staff suggested “Esperanza de San José” as the park name. This name was included in a memorandum that was scheduled to be considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 6, 2022⁷.

After the memorandum posted, many community members expressed concern about not being able to re-rank their preferred names after the name Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park was not recommended by staff. This item was deferred to the June 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

In response to the community’s concerns, staff initiated another voting survey conducted between April 8, 2022 to April 17, 2022 that allowed the public to rank their preferred name

⁶ City of San José Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services park webpage for “Edenvale Gardens Regional Park”: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/2178/2028>

⁷ City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission, April 6, 2022, Meeting Agenda: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/83618/637837118977530000>

from the list of the next four highest ranked names: “Payne Avenue Friendship Park”, “Esperanza de San José”, “George C. Payne Ranch”, and “West of Eden”. “Payne Avenue Friendship Park” emerged as the highest ranked name by the community. Tables 1 – 3 show the results of all online public surveys. Table 3 shows the result of the last voting survey.

Ranked Choice Voting Survey

Staff utilized a ranked choice voting format where participants selected their top name choices and ranked them in order of preference. To calculate the highest-ranking name preference, the participants’ top choices were assigned a weight (the larger weight equals a higher preference). For example, in the First Ranked Choice Voting Survey, participants were asked to provide their top three preferred names out of the 14 name options. The top three names were assigned a weight of three, two, and one. Similarly, in the Second Ranked Choice Voting Survey, the four name choices were assigned a weight of four, three, two, and one. The fourth weight was added to the Second Ranked Choice Voting Survey because there were only four name options to choose from. For instance, the first preferred name choice was multiplied by four, the second preferred name choice was multiplied by three, the third preferred name choice was multiplied by two, and the fourth preferred name choice was multiplied by one. For every name option, the votes were multiplied by the assigned weight and added together. The result was then divided by the total number of survey responses received to calculate the weighted score. The name selection with the largest weighted score informed staff’s recommendation. The voting results are shown in Tables 2 (initial voting round) and Table 3 (final voting round) below.

Table 1 – Results of the First Name Suggestion Survey (Qualifying Names)⁸

#	Proposed Name
1	Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park*
2	Esperanza de San José
3	George C. Payne Ranch Park
4	Helen Payne Park
5	Nikola Tesla Park
6	Payne Avenue Friendship Park
7	Pueblo Play Park
8	Rosalind Franklin Park
9	San Tomas Park*
10	Shark’s Park
11	Valens Park
12	Walnut Grove Park
13	West of Eden
14	Winchester Park*
<i>*Similar names already in use.</i>	

⁸ Staff consolidated and combined similar names from the Name Suggestion Survey. All the name options listed align with the City’s Naming Policy (City Council Policy 7-5).

A list of all name suggestions received, and staff's analysis is provided in Attachment C.

Table 2 – Results of the *First Ranked Choice Voting Survey*

#	Name	First Preference Votes (Weight of Three)	Second Preference Votes (Weight of Two)	Third Preference Votes (Weight of One)	Total Votes	Total Survey Responses	Weighted Score ⁹
1	Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park	98	44	14	156	223	17.76
2	Payne Avenue Friendship Park	26	46	31	103	223	9.01
3	Esperanza de San José	14	25	16	55	223	4.84
4	West of Eden	13	23	23	59	223	4.84
5	George C. Payne Ranch Park	6	22	30	58	223	4.13
6	Pueblo Play Park	19	5	9	33	223	3.41
7	Winchester Park	19	5	8	32	223	3.36
8	Helen Payne Park	3	11	22	36	223	2.38
9	Nikola Tesla Park	8	10	9	27	223	2.38
10	Sharks Park	4	8	17	29	223	2.02
11	Walnut Grove Park	3	9	13	25	223	1.79
12	Rosalind Franklin Park	9	2	5	16	223	1.61
13	San Tomas Park	1	0	5	6	223	0.36
14	Valens Park	0	1	3	4	223	0.22

⁹ The weighted score value was multiplied by ten to generate a whole number.

Table 3 – Results of the final Ranked Choice Voting Survey

#	Name	First Preference Votes (Weight of Four)	Second Preference Votes (Weight of Three)	Third Preference Votes (Weight of Two)	Fourth Preference Votes (Weight of One)	Total Votes & Survey Responses	Weighted Score ¹⁰
1	Payne Avenue Friendship Park	213	77	38	20	348	3.39
2	West of Eden	63	105	140	40	348	2.55
3	George C. Payne Ranch Park	27	139	129	53	348	2.40
4	Esperanza de San José	45	27	41	235	348	1.66

Survey Distribution

The surveys were distributed through the Department’s electronic communication and social media networks. Email notifications were sent to Council District 1 staff, the San José Park Advocates, the San José Park Foundation, five schools located within a mile of the park (Academy of Mandarin Immersion, Action Day Primary Plus, Castlemont Elementary School, Moreland Preschool, and Payne Elementary School), the Cadillac-Winchester Neighborhood Association, the Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition, the Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Association, the Eden Neighborhood Association, Community Garden staff, and Project Hope. In addition, survey links were distributed to several individuals that provided their contact information during the master plan community meetings and previous surveys.

Language Accessibility

The earliest online survey was translated from English to Spanish, and traditional Chinese. Staff did not receive responses to the Spanish or traditional Chinese surveys. Spanish translation was provided for the subsequent surveys because of staff’s experience with a Spanish-speaking community within the neighborhood, their presence at the master planning meetings, and continued engagement in the project.

Name Suggestions Received after the Surveys

In addition to the public surveys, the public could send park name nominations for the City Council to consider. On April 19, 2022, staff received “Rosemary Park” as a name nomination. Although Rosemary Park aligned with Policy 7-5 (referenced the local Rosemary Elementary School), the name was too similar to the existing “Rosemary Gardens Park”. Thus, staff did not

¹⁰ The weighted score value was multiplied by ten to generate a whole number.

include name in the list of qualifying names for City Council to consider. This name suggestion was received after all online surveys were closed.

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Manager's Budget Office and the City Attorney's Office.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION/INPUT

This item was presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission on June 1, 2022¹¹. The Commission acknowledged the community's concerns regarding staff's process for recommending the original name (Esperanza de San José) that was scheduled to be considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 6, 2022¹² and supported the name Payne Avenue Friendship Park as that was the highest ranked name by the community in the reinitiated survey. The Commission also commended staff for responding to the community's concerns by reinitiating the voting survey. Commissioner Ames motioned to recommend the name Payne Avenue Friendship Park to the City Council, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrow. The motion carried (7-0-3). Absent: Snider, Villarreal, and Vega.

FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT

The proposed action aligns with City Council Policy Number 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities, and the City's 2009 Greenprint, Activate SJ, and the Envision San José 2040 General Plan.

Additionally, this park site addresses the need for a park within a ten-minute walk of the surrounding area and provides a new park in a neighborhood and City Council District that is deficient in parkland.

¹¹ City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission, June 1, 2022, Meeting Agenda:
<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/86447/637892457206800000>

¹² City of San José Parks and Recreation Commission, April 6, 2022, Meeting Agenda:
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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

August 8, 2022

Subject: Naming of a New Public Park at 3257 Payne Avenue

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Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure and Policy Making results in no changes to the physical environment.

/s/

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Attachments:

- A. Park Location Map
- B. Park Concept Plan – Phase 1
- C. Staff Analysis of Name Suggestions

Attachment A: Park Location Map



Figure 1: The park location at 3257 Payne Avenue.

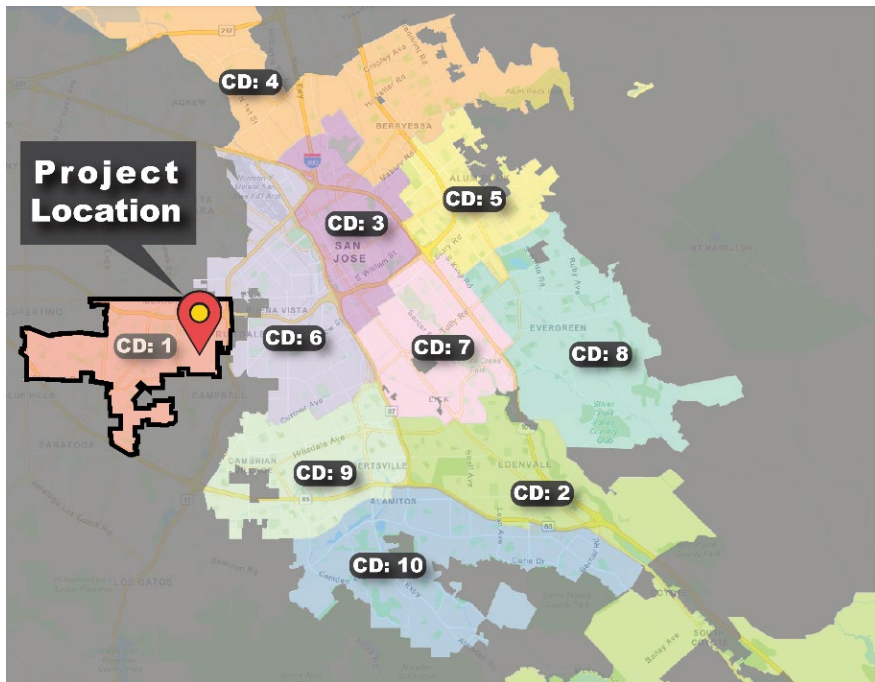


Figure 2: Regional Location Map.

Attachment B: Park Concept Plan – Phase 1¹³



Figure 1: Phase 1 of the Master Plan park layout.

¹³ Additional information regarding the project phasing is available in the September 2020 Master Plan Report for Payne Avenue Park: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/77681/637685979501700000>

Attachment C: Staff Analysis of Name Suggestions

Table Legend					
Name aligns with the City's Naming Policy (City Council Policy Number 7-5) (Green Row)					
Name does NOT align with the City's Naming Policy (City Council Policy Number 7-5) (Red Row)					
#	Name	Summary of Name Reasoning	Does it Fit the Policy?	Same or Similar Existing Park Name?	Explanation
1	Eden Neighborhood Park	<p>Three survey respondents suggested this name has a connection to place because Eden Neighborhood is one of the neighborhoods surrounding the park site and reflects the Eden Neighborhood Association.</p> <p>Another respondent pointed out that Eden Avenue runs through several of the neighborhoods surrounding the park site. Staff found no information on the history of the name “Eden.”</p>	Yes	Yes, this is similar to Edenvale Gardens Regional Park.	<p>Geographic location.</p> <p>Name for <i>one</i> of the neighborhoods around the park site.</p>
2	Betty Ong Memorial Park	The survey respondent suggested this name to honor Betty Ong’s heroic efforts aboard American Airlines Flight 11 to notify authorities of the 9/11 hijacking ¹⁴ .	Yes	No	<p>An individual who has been deceased for at least five years.</p> <p>Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.</p> <p>(This name meets the criteria, but it does not have a local context. Betty Ong was a San Franciscan native, not San José).</p>
3	Eden Garden	The respondent suggested this name because it references nearby Eden Avenue.	Yes	Yes, this is similar to Edenvale	Geographic location.

¹⁴ Biographical references on Betty Ong: <https://nextshark.com/betty-ong-911/>; https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betty_Ong; and <https://www.911memorial.org/connect/blog/remembering-911-hero-flight-attendant-betty-ong>

				Gardens Regional Park.	
4	Winchester Park	Two respondents suggested this name as a local reference point in the area. One respondent suggested this name could have a dual purpose of honoring Sarah Winchester, while the other respondent felt that it was more important to focus on the local reference point.	Yes	Yes, this is similar to the future “Winchester Orchard Park”.	Geographic location. Deceased individual. Prominent geographic feature or local reference point (Winchester Mystery House).
5	Payne Avenue Park	Two respondents suggested naming the park after the nearby street. One person suggested that it makes it easy to locate and identify the park, while the other suggested that the name is important to the area because it includes all the neighborhoods in the area.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
6	West of Eden	The respondent suggested this name as a geographic play on Steinbeck’s novel “East of Eden”. This name denotes the park’s geographic location in relation to Eden Avenue.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
7	Homeless Camp # 29	The respondent referred to the presence of homeless individuals in parks.	No	N/A	N/A
8	Shark Tank	The respondent suggested this name because they felt that it sounds nice.	Yes	No	Prominent geographic feature or local reference point. (The SAP Center at San José, also known as the Shark Tank, is a local reference point in the city. “Shark” also references the current playground.)
9	Victory Park	The respondent suggested this name to celebrate the fight	No	No	While this may be considered a historical event, it is not clear how

		against the COVID-19 pandemic.			this specific event is tied to the local community or San José, in general.
10	Rosalind Franklin Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor Rosalind Franklin, a brilliant chemist, whose discoveries in DNA and virology contributed to the advancement of chemistry and science ¹⁵ .	Yes	No	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.
11	Barack Obama Park	The respondent suggested that the former president was a “Great president. Prominent U.S. president”	No	N/A	Person is still living.
12	Pueblo Play	Three respondents suggested this name to recognize the existing playground and to honor the people who contributed to the creation of the playground. One respondent referenced the name of the previous church on the site, Pueblo de Dios. Another respondent felt that this name is reflective of the surrounding community.	Yes	No	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point.
13	Pueblo Play Park	Five respondents suggested this name to honor the existing playground name and to reference the Pueblo de Dios church which previously occupied the site. It was also pointed out that the word “pueblo” conveys a sense of inclusive community.	Yes	No	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point.
14	Cherry Orchard Park or Apricot Park	The respondent suggested that the park be named after the type	Yes	No	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point.

¹⁵ Biographical references on Rosalind Franklin: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalind_Franklin; <https://www.biography.com/scientist/rosalind-franklin>; <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02144-4>; <https://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/spotlight/kr/feature/biographical>; and <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/jun/23/sexism-in-science-did-watson-and-crick-really-steal-rosalind-franklins-data>

	or what ever fruit trees were there prior to the neighborhood development	of orchard that once occupied the site.			
15	Valens Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor rock star Ritchie Valens, who is considered a rock and roll pioneer and a pioneer of Chicano rock. Ritchie Valens lived and worked with his family in San José during the 1950s ¹⁶ .	Yes	No	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.
16	Payne In the Avenue	The respondent suggested a play on the words “pain” and “Payne.”	Yes	No	Geographic location.
17	Esperanza de San José	The respondent suggested this name because it means “hope” and because it received several votes in the previous survey.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
18	Payne Avenue Friendship Park	The respondent suggested this name explains where the park is located and sets a non-confrontational tone.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
19	Garden of Eden	The respondent suggested this name to reflect the Eden Neighborhood.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
20	Pueblo Pueblo Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor the existing playground name and to reference the Pueblo de Dios church which previously occupied the site.	Yes	No	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point.
21	Garden of Eden Park	The respondent suggested this name to reflect the Eden Neighborhood and garden-like qualities.	Yes	No	Adjoining subdivision or community.

¹⁶ Biographical reference on Ritchie Valens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=negZzC68Rfg>

22	Nikola Tesla Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor the inventor and engineer whose inventions in electrical supply and other items contributed to the technological advancement of society ¹⁷ .	Yes	No	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation and the San José area.
23	Dos Negros Cortazon	The respondent suggested that the name reflected a historical event.	No	N/A	No information was found for “Dos Negros Cortazon”. After changing the name to “Corazon” (i.e., heart in English) instead of “Cortazon,” information was found regarding a revolution in the Philippines. However, no relevant connection to the City of San José or the local community was found. The individual did not leave any contact information for a follow-up.
24	Sarah Winchester Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor Sarah Winchester and the Winchester Mystery House ¹⁸ .	Yes	Yes, this is similar to the future “Winchester Orchard Park”.	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual, however, it is not clear what significant contributions Sarah Winchester made to the nation, the state, or to

¹⁷ Biographical references on Nikola Tesla: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikola_Tesla; <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-rise-and-fall-of-nikola-tesla-and-his-tower-11074324/>; <https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/nikola-tesla>; and <https://www.biography.com/inventor/nikola-tesla>

¹⁸ Biographical references on Sarah Winchester: <https://www.biography.com/personality/sarah-winchester>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Winchester; and <https://historysanjose.org/research-collection/research-library/sarah-winchester-at-history-san-jose/>

					the City of San José area.
25	(First/full name) Mrs. Payne	The respondent suggested naming the park after Helen Schultz Payne, wife of George C. Payne. The respondent knew Mrs. Payne as a child and remembered her generosity. The respondent also thought that the Payne family tried to gift the park to the City after Mrs. Payne's passing ¹⁹ . However, the park was not gifted to the City. The City purchased the land for the park.	Yes	No	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. It should be noted that the family did not gift the park site to the City. Instead, the City acquired the park by purchasing it from the Pueblo de Dios church.
26	Payne Avenue Community Park	The respondent suggested this name references a geographic location near the park site.	Yes	No	Geographic location.
27	Mysticalville Park	The respondent suggested that the name reflects the "beautiful and happy community."	No	N/A	N/A
28	George C. Payne Ranch Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor George C. Payne, the former owner of the ranch where the park site is located, who was a renowned horticulturalist and was known for his pioneering achievements in grafting walnuts ²⁰ .	Yes	No	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation and the San José area.
29	Walnut Grove Park	The respondent suggested the name to reference the former agricultural use on the site and the "Walgrove Manor" subdivision that immediately surrounds the park site.	Yes	No	Geographical location. Adjoining subdivision/community.

¹⁹ Biographical reference on Helen Payne, wife of George C. Payne:
<https://www.mariposaresearch.net/santaclararesearch/SCBIOS/gcpayne.html>

²⁰ Biographical sources of information on George C. Payne:
<https://www.mariposaresearch.net/santaclararesearch/SCBIOS/gcpayne.html>,
<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8qv3smc/admin/#did>; and
https://www.moreland.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=427312&type=d&pREC_ID=990650

30	West Valley Neighborhood Park	The respondent suggested this name in reference to the park's location in West San José.	Yes	No	Geographic location. (West Valley is the name of the urban village in the area. However, West Valley also has strong connection to the neighboring city of Saratoga).
31	Eden Gardens	The respondent suggested this name in reference to nearby Eden Avenue, which runs through the neighborhoods.	Yes	Yes, this is similar to the existing "Edenvale Gardens Regional Park".	Geographic location.
32	Friend's Playground	The respondent suggested friendship as a theme for the park.	No	N/A	N/A
33	Friend's Playground on Payne Avenue	The same respondent suggested this name and added Payne Avenue.	Yes	No	Geographic location. The addition of Payne Avenue makes this suggestion comply with the policy.
34	West Valley Shark Park	The respondent suggested this name to recognize the contributions of the San José Sharks in funding the construction of the existing playground.	Yes	No	Geographic location. West Valley is the name of the urban village in the area. Prominent geographic feature or local reference point. References the existing playground on the park site.
35	San Tomas Park	The respondent suggested this name in reference to San Tomas Expressway.	Yes	Yes, there is an existing park with	Geographic location.

				this name at 4093 Valerie Drive.	
36	Shark's Park	The respondent suggested this name in recognition of the contributions of the San José Sharks in funding the construction of the existing playground.	Yes	No	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point.