

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
AGENDA DATE: April 17, 2007
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Norman C. Merrifield (915) 541-4910
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 5

CITY CLERK DEPT.
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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 of City Council authorizing the naming of the park referenced as Tierra Del Este # 1 to Salvador Rivas Jr. 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?

The name Tierra Del Este #1 was a geographically descriptive name given to this park during construction. Representative Presi Ortega and the Las Tierras Neighborhood Association, following proper protocol, solicited the required support from the community and received approval from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

No.

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?

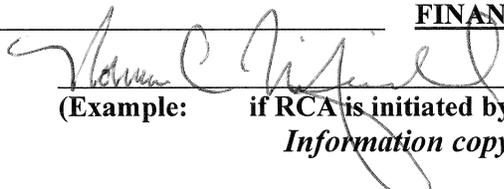
Funding for the park sign will come from the City.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the request to name the park referenced as Tierra Del Este # 1 to Salvador Rivas Jr. Park

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

Salvador Rivas

Salvador Rivas was born on June 3, 1925, in El Paso, TX to Salvador and Lydia Rivas. Sal served as a corpsman with the First Marine Division during WWII where he received the Victory Medal. When he returned from the war, he married his childhood sweetheart, Bertha. Sal and Bertha (who were married for 54 years) lived, worked, and raised their three children in El Paso until his death in 2002.

Sal's interest in scouting began when he became a scout in 1936. He returned to scouting with his sons. He became the leader of Cub Pack 35. After 3 years as a leader he became the Scout Master for Troup 727 at St Pius Church. Later he took his skills to form a troop at St. Raphael.

While Sal was the leader of these scout troops he accomplished many things with the boys. He participated with them:

- On innumerable campouts and hiking trips to: Hueco Tanks, Dale Resler, Gila Forest Boy Scout Camp.
- In a variety of excursions to earn merit badges for cycling, historical trails, cooking.
- In activities that built character, respect, and pride They mentored mentally handicapped children, cleaned up cemeteries, helped at church bazaars, and collected food for the needy, and conducted drives for Goodwill Industries.
- At the First International Camporee at the Chamizal National Park. This camporee included troops from both the United States and Mexico.

Sal was highly respected in the scouting community for many years. He was presented with the Silver Beaver, scouting's highest award for volunteer service. Sal was recognized for his hard work and leadership skills as a scoutmaster with the prestigious Scoutmaster's Key.

Salvador Rivas Jr. spent 30 years in scouting and was most proud of being presented with the St. George Catholic Award which is given for "... significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through scouting."

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to name the new park located at 12515 Tierra Norte Road, Tierra Del Este Subdivision, Unit 1, more specifically known as Block 12, Lot 80, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as the **SALVADOR RIVAS, JR. PARK**.

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

THAT the park located at 12515 Tierra Norte Road, Tierra Del Este Subdivision, Unit 1, more specifically known as Block 12, Lot 80, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, shall henceforth be named and known as the **SALVADOR RIVAS, JR. PARK**; and,

THAT Representative Presi Ortega requested this specific name and the City shall incur the customary costs associated with the naming or renaming of a park or park facility, such as installing or replacing signs with the park name or any other signs posted or affixed for a facility. Any proposed signs shall be acceptable to the Parks and Recreation Department. (District 5)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

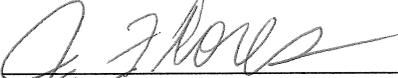
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Norman C. Merrifield, Ed.D., Director
Parks and Recreation Department