

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

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: November 29, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nanette Smejkal, Director (541-4283)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 2

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.

Approve a Resolution to rename the Loretto-Lincoln Park located at 4500 E. Yandell Drive, El Paso, Texas as Liz Morayma Gonzalez 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 naming of parks and recreation facilities follows a Council adopted policy. The Peace, Love and Liz Committee, led by Erika Gonzalez, provided the naming application, citizen support petitions, and research. The Naming Subcommittee and the entire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) reviewed the naming application. Consensus was reached and the PRAB recommends renaming the park "Liz Morayma Gonzalez Park." Attached please find background materials.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

N/A

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?

The cost of signage related to the naming shall be borne by the applicant, per the Council policy.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the naming recommendation on November 14, 2011 and to forward to City Council for consideration with a recommendation to approve.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: if RCAs initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign

also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to name the Loretto-Lincoln Park located at 4500 E. Yandell Drive, City of El Paso, El Paso County Texas, as **LIZ MORAYMA GONZALEZ PARK**.

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

THAT the park located at 4500 E. Yandell Drive, El Paso, Texas, shall henceforth be named and known as **LIZ MORAYMA GONZALEZ PARK**; and,

THAT the Peace, Love and Liz Committee ("Applicant") shall incur the customary costs associated with the naming of a 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 acceptable to both the Parks and Recreation Department and Applicant. (District 2)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

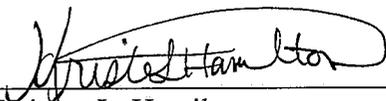
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

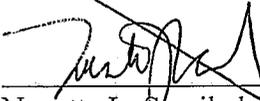
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department



City of El Paso
PARK NAMING/CHANGING
 Application



Applicant information

Please print or type the information in black ink

Applicant Name: Erika Gonzalez
 Mailing Address: 913 Driver City: El Paso Zip: 79903
 Home Phone: 915-526-0259 Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: (915) 256-4653
 Email Address: erika+twelve@gmail.com
 Organization Peace Love and Liz Non-Profit

Proposed Name / Change

Park/Facility Location/Address: Yandell and Radford
 Current name of Park or Facility: Loretto Lincoln Park Not Applicable

Suggested Name: Liz Morayma Gonzalez

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:

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA
PARKS AND RECREATION
STAFF ONLY

Date Received by PARD: 11-3-11
 Date of Committee Meeting: 11-14-11
 Date of PRAB Meeting: 11-14-11
 Date of City Council Meeting: _____



PARK NAMING/CHANGING



Supporting Documentation

Suggested Name: Liz Morayma Gonzalez

Please provide a written narrative that supports the nomination for consideration. If proposing to name a park or facility after an outstanding person, a biography must also be attached and include material that identifies the individual's significance and notable reputation in the City of El Paso.

On February 23, 2010, Liz Morayma Gonzalez was on her way to work at the El Paso County Detention Facility, where she worked as an LVN. She was accompanied by a friend as they traveled west on Interstate 10. It was a cold wintery morning that had resulted in an overnight mixture of snow and ice, this had made for extremely hazardous driving conditions. Between Airway and Geronimo they came upon a two vehicle collision which had resulted in one car being on its side. Liz Gonzalez noticed a person who appeared to be trapped and saw that nobody was attempting to help the person trapped in the vehicle, which was in danger of oncoming traffic. It was approximately 5:40 am when Liz asked her friend to stop so that she could help and offer whatever assistance she could. Liz went to the overturned vehicle to assist the passenger who was trapped in the overturned vehicle. Liz was able to talk to the driver and help them climb out of the vehicle window and she was there to catch the driver who had to jump from the top of the overturned vehicle. After Liz helped her out of the vehicle they moved off to the side of the road. The driver hugged and thanked Liz while she tried to determine if the driver had sustained any injuries. It was at this time that another vehicle struck Liz Gonzalez leading to her untimely death. The same vehicle collided with the very vehicle in which the driver Liz had helped had been trapped. Whether it was a sense of duty as a nurse, a willingness to help someone in need, or just because she was an overall good person that caused Liz to stop and help a stranger

Attach additional pages if needed. Supporting documentation is encouraged for all applications to help justify why this name should be chosen.

to receive our praise. As we go through this period of grief, please keep in mind, and let her selflessness and valor become contagious, so that her sacrifice will not be in vain."

LIZ MORAYMA GONZALEZ

12-08-84 to 02-23-10



Liz Morayma Gonzalez Timm, LVN

12-08-1984 to 02-23-2010

Graduated from Burgess High School, El Paso, TX in 2003

Graduated as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in 2008

Liz loved going to school and was saving to continue her educational journey by obtaining her RN. She wanted nothing more than to continue with her education and take care of her mother, brother and sister. She was employed with Prison Health Services since August 18, 2009.

Liz is survived by her mother, Margarita Gonzalez, her sister Erika Gonzalez and her brother, Hector Gonzalez. Her favorite color was pink. She loved to shop, especially for purses and shoes and Hello Kitty. She also loved to travel and eat chocolate.

Liz was a beloved friend, kind person and caring nurse with a positive attitude who never refused to help anyone. She was never afraid to get involved and help wherever she could.

Proclamation

City of El Paso, Texas

WHEREAS: Liz Morayma Gonzalez was born on December 14, 1984, in Las Cruces, NM. She attended Hawkins Elementary, Ross Middle School and graduated from Burges High School. She attended Anamark where she received her LVN degree and was continuing her education to become an RN. While in school she played many sports including basketball, track and field, and especially enjoyed cross-country. She worked for UBH and later for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office as a vocational nurse at the downtown jail; and

WHEREAS: On the morning of February 23, 2010 at about 5:30, Liz was on her way to work. An accident had occurred on I-10 west near Airway Blvd. Liz pulled over to help a motorist involved in a motor vehicle accident and stopped to render aid to a woman who was trapped in an overturned vehicle. Liz assisted the injured driver by pulling her from the wreckage. At that moment another vehicle approached the location of the crash and tragically struck and killed Liz; and

WHEREAS: Liz Morayma Gonzalez died doing what she loved best; helping others. She will be remembered not only as our Hero, but more importantly for her kindness, warm smile, and sense of humor. She has touched the hearts and lives of many; she will be in our hearts always; and

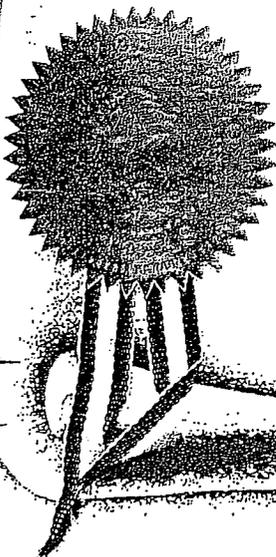
WHEREAS: Liz Morayma Gonzalez is preceded in death by her father Hector Gonzalez. Left to live on her legacy is her mother Margarita Gonzalez, her sister Erika Gonzalez, and brother Hector Gonzalez; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED: by the Mayor and Council of the City of El Paso that December 14th, 2010 shall be known as:

"LIZ MORAYMA GONZALEZ DAY"

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of El Paso to be affixed this 14th day of December, A.D., 2010.

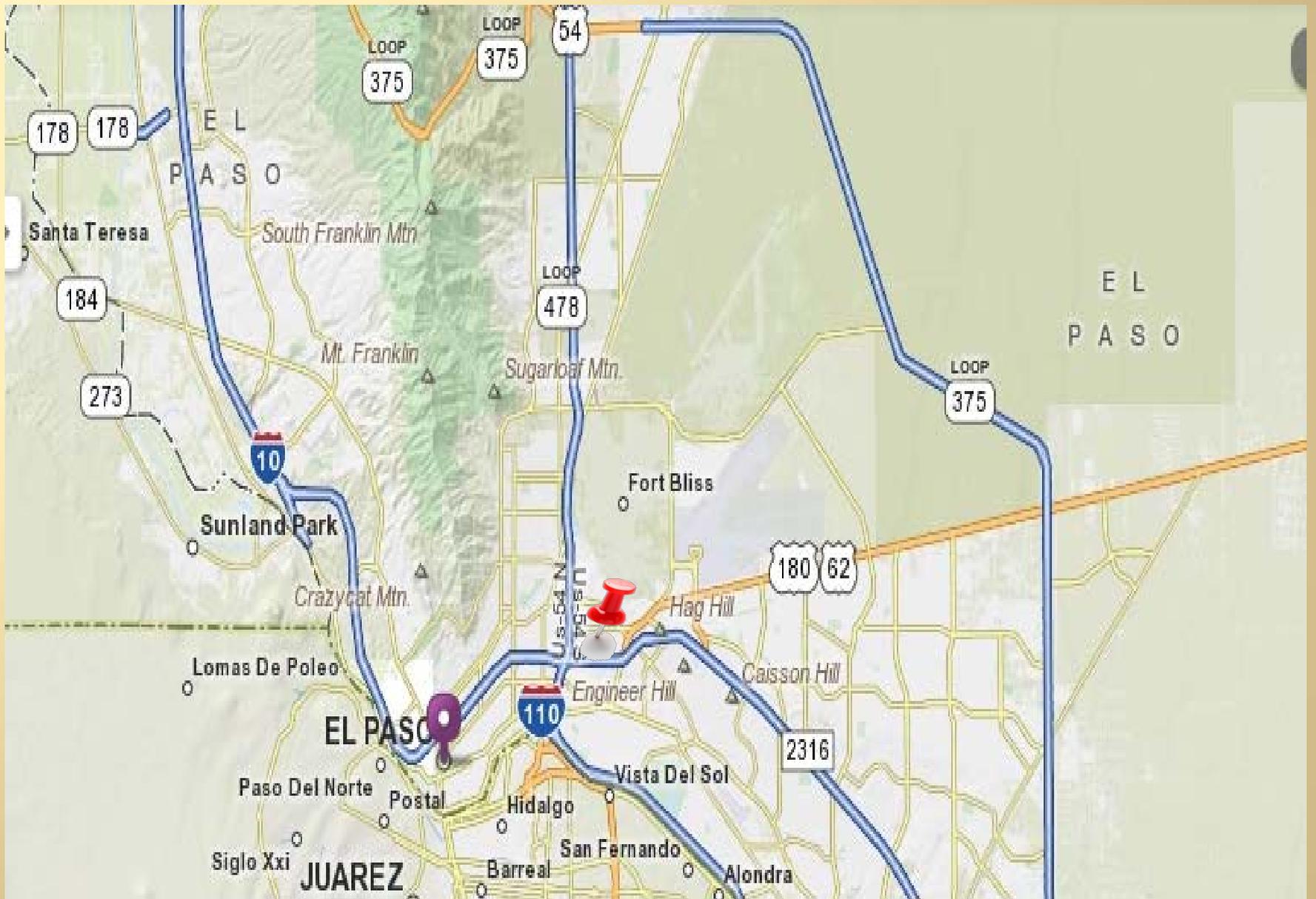

Mayor



Proposed Name / Change

**Liz Morayma Gonzalez
Park**

**4500 E.Yandell
El Paso, Texas**



4500 E. Yandell







Liz Morayma Gonzalez, LVN
El Paso County Detention Facility

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

