



COUNCIL AGENDA: 03-04-08  
ITEM: 2.3

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** LEE PRICE, MMC  
CITY CLERK

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDATION TO  
NAME A NEW PARK

**DATE:** January 30, 2008

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## RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, name a new park located at Falls Creek Drive and Batten Way as Falls Creek Park.

## BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Council Policy 7-5 the City Clerk receives nominations for naming of public facilities, which are forwarded to the appropriate Commission(s) for review and recommendation. The process calls for the Commission(s) to hold a public hearing on nominations prior to forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

## ANALYSIS

On January 16, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing to consider nominations for the naming of a new park in Council District 8. At this meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the park be named Falls Creek Park.

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Parks and Recreation Commission held the Public Hearing on January 16, 2008.

## COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department.

LEE PRICE, MMC  
CITY CLERK

January 28, 2008

Lee Price, City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Wing  
San José, CA 95113

Dear Lee Price:

Re: Recommendation to the City Council to name a new park located at Falls Creek Drive and Batten Way as **Falls Creek Park**

On Wednesday, January 16, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission (hereafter, Commission) held a public hearing to consider the nomination for the naming of a new park in Council District 8 located at the intersection of Falls Creek Drive and Batten Way. At this meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the park be named Falls Creek Park.

Therefore, I am requesting that this item be agendized for Council consideration at the Tuesday, March 4, 2008, afternoon City Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Satake at 793-5538.

Sincerely,

*Melanie Richardson*  
CR

Melanie Richardson, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

c: Rabia Chaudhry, Council District 8  
Julie Edmonds-Mares, PRNS  
Simeon Mercado, PRNS



# Memorandum

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**TO:** Albert Balagso, Director  
Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services

**FROM:** Lee Price, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF CITY-OWNED  
FACILITIES**

**DATE:** 11-20-07

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**PROPOSAL:** City-Owned Facility Nomination for Falls Creek Park located at Bowery Lane at Metropolitan Way. Submitted by David Zenker dated November 15, 2007.

Council Policy No. 7-5 entitled "Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities" calls for a Nomination Form to be submitted to the City Clerk, who will then forward the information to the appropriate Commission for review. The Policy calls for a Public Hearing to be held to solicit public comment on the proposal after which the Commission's recommendation is submitted to the City Clerk who then forwards the recommendation to the City council for consideration.

Please initiate the process to consider the naming of this site by forwarding the attached information to the Parks and Recreation Commission and scheduling the matter for a public hearing. As soon as I receive the Commission's recommendation, I will forward it to the City Council for consideration.

Thank you in advance for your review of this Nomination and please let me know if you have any questions.

  
LEE PRICE, MMC  
CITY CLERK

LP:np



# CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

## Naming of City-Owned Facilities

### NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: DAVID ZENKER (FALLS CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN)

Address: 2993 BOWERY LANE SAN JOSE 95135 Daytime Phone: 408-238-2591

Name Proposed for Facility: FALLS CREEK PARK

Location of Facility: BOWERY LANE AT METROPOLITAN WAY  
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)

A one acre neighborhood park that is currently under development with completion planned for August 2008.

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes  No

If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.) We believe the name is appropriate because Falls Creek Drive runs perpendicular to the park and a creek runs right next to the park. Our neighborhood association conducted a poll and unanimously chose this name (see attached). The name fits the wooded geography and surroundings very well.

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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#### Question

Despite the fact that we have been loosely calling the new park "Falls Creek Park", the City does have an official process for naming parks which we need to follow. We all had some discussion awhile back where a few ideas were thrown around regarding alternative names for the park. We need to conduct a formal poll and choose a name that we then forward to the City Parks Commission and City Council for approval. We are going to conduct an anonymous poll for the following week. Three names were put forward for consideration. Please be sure to vote by no later than October 12th. Once the poll closes, the results will be e-mailed to the group.

#### Responses

Choices	Votes	%	1 reply
Falls Creek Park	19	100	<input type="text"/>
Cortese Park	0	0	<input type="text"/>
College Greens Park	0	0	<input type="text"/>

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