

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: LEE PRICE
CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO
NAME A NEW PARK

DATE: September 8, 2004

RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, name a new park located at the intersection of Sixth and Bestor Streets as the "Bestor Art 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

Earlier this year, nominations were received proposing to name the park located at the intersection of Sixth and Bestor Streets. The nomination, submitted by Tom Boehme, proposed the name "Bestor Art Park."

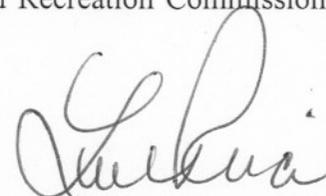
The Parks and Recreation Commission considered the matter on May 5, 2004. At that meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to name the park, "Bestor Art Park."

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Parks and Recreation Commission held the Public Hearing on May 5, 2004.

COORDINATION

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



LEE PRICE, CMC
CITY CLERK





Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

August 30, 2004

Lee Price, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City of San José
801 North First Street, Room 116
San José, CA 95110

Dear Ms. Price:

Re: Recommendation to the City Council to name a new park located at the intersection of Sixth and Bestor Streets as *Bestor Art Park*.

On May 5, 2004, the Parks and Recreation Commission (hereafter, Commission) held a public hearing to consider the nominations for the naming of a new park in Council District 3 located at the intersection of Sixth and Bestor Streets. At this meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the park be named *Bestor Art Park*.

Therefore, I am requesting that this item be agendized for the September 21, evening session, City Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please call Steve Roemer at 408-277-2734.

Sincerely,

for Cindy Escobar
Carol Martinez, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

cc: Cindy Chavez, Council District 3
Lani Luthard, Council District 3
Albert Balagso, PRNS
Julie Mark, PRNS
Scott Reese, PRNS

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Bestor Park

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TO: Sara Hensley, PRNS

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

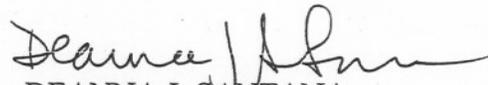
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 1, 2004

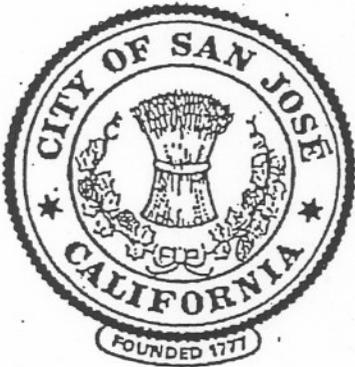
SUBJECT: NAMING OF CITY-OWNED FACILITIES—NOMINATION FORMS

Attached please find a completed Naming of City-Owned Facilities form that needs to be put on the next available Parks & Recreation Commission agenda for consideration. Upon scheduling the requests, kindly notify the submitter so that s/he can attend the Commission meeting, if desired.

If you have questions about this submittal, please call me at extension 4424.


DEANNA J. SANTANA
Acting City Clerk

Attachments



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Naming of City-Owned Facilities
NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Tom Boehme
Address: 920 S 7th St. San Jose CA 95112 Daytime Phone: 408 845 8792

Name Proposed for Facility: Bestor Art Park

Location of Facility: South Side of Bestor St, between 5th and 6th Streets
(Include street address, cross street)

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

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.)

See Attachment

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 801 N. First St., Room 116, San José, CA 95110

FOR CITY CLERK'S USE ONLY Referred to the following Commission or Committee:
Airport Arts Child Care Disability Advisory Historic Landmarks
Library Parking Advisory Parks & Recreation Senior Citizens Youth

Bestor Art Park

I suggest that we name this new open space the **Bestor Art Park**.

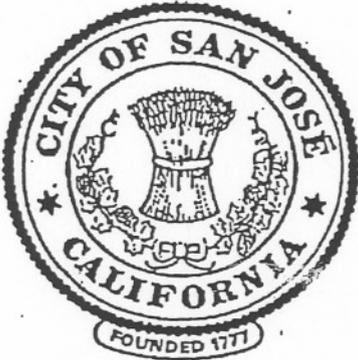
Naming it Bestor Art Park answers several needs:

First this is a very small park. Although the name is not imaginative it will help park patrons to find it. Bestor is a very small street. If a person can find Bestor on the map they will find the park.

Second, the Spartan Keyes Neighborhood is working with San Jose to make this an arts focused community. The park wraps around the SJSU Metal Arts Facility (The Foundry) and artist housing exists all around. This name lets everyone know our goal. It invites area artists to think of this park as their home and canvas. Art installations are to rotate through over the years. The Bestor Art Park may act as a showroom for our working artists. With luck the park will be a magnet for new galleries creating a critical mass of art, artists, and art supportive companies.

Third, this name rolls off the tongue. It sounds snappy. Bestor implies BEST. Let's make this the best little park in San Jose.

Tom Boehme
920 S 7th Street
San Jose, CA 95112



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NOMINATION FORM



Richard Stewart
951 S 12th St. Apt. 321D
San Jose, CA 95112

Person Submitting Nomination: Richard A. Stewart
Address: 951 S. 12th St 321D Daytime Phone: 408-287-6934
San Jose, CA 95112

Name Proposed for Facility: Foundry Park
Location of Facility: Bestor, 56th St, and S. 5th St
(Include street address, cross street)

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

Art, Basketball, Playground, and Community Garden

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.)

San Jose State Foundry is next door. Artist will be using the park to display art produced at the foundry. If we want to promote art in this neighborhood, we need to give them recognition. There are other art facilities one block away as well.

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Library <input type="checkbox"/>	Parking Advisory <input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Citizens <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth <input type="checkbox"/>



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Person Submitting Nomination: Julie Tardos

Address: 930 S. 6th St. 95112 Daytime Phone: 408-485-0909

2 names proposed:
Name Proposed for Facility: 6th & Bestor Park ^{or} Donner Park

Location of Facility: S. 6th / Bestor / S. 5th
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)
A soon-to-be-built small neighborhood park with a playground.

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.)
6th & Bestor Park: Purely a locational name, easy to remember.
Donner Park: As I learned recently, many of the street names in this neighborhood were named for surviving members of the Donner Party: Martha, Virginia, Reed.

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Other _____



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NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: AURELIA SANCHEZ

Address: 1053 S. 9th St - SD-CA 9512 Daytime Phone: 408-297-6763

Name Proposed for Facility: BESTOR PARK

Location of Facility: S. 6th St / Bestor St.
(Include street address, cross street)

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

Community PARK

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

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

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Norman S. Bestor was a civil engineer who was responsible for surveying the area where the planned park will be built. James F. Reed, a survivor of the infamous California Donner Party, hired him.

Norman S. Bestor came West in 1846. The area that he surveyed covered most of the area south of Reed Street between First Street and Coyote Creek and spillovers along Eleventh and Keyes Street.

Most of the streets around the planned park were named after the members of the Donner Party with the exception of Bestor himself.

Bestor Street was once well known in San Jose's History and extended further along than it does now. Thanks to Mr. Bestor California History was recorded in our community with legacy of the street names. *We must remember our past to plan for our future. To honor Bestor Street is to honor our rich California History.* Also residents who have live on Bestor Street will cherish this park more with this street name because it honors the residents who live there ~~and~~ who can identify with this name,