



COUNCIL AGENDA: 12-9-08  
ITEM: 2.4

## Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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

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

**DATE:** November 21, 2008

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### RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission, to name 3 park sites located on the Hitachi Transit Village site, RAMAC Park (10.6-acre community park site), Raleigh Linear Green (5.37-acre linear park site) and Charlotte Commons (one-acre neighborhood park site).

### 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

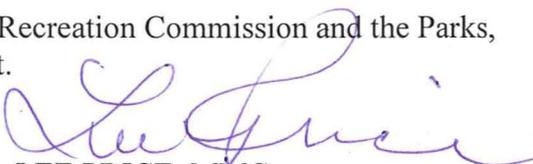
On November 5, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing to consider nominations for the naming of 3 park sites in Council District 2. At this meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the 3 park sites be named RAMAC Park, Raleigh Linear Green and Charlotte Commons.

### PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Parks and Recreation Commission held the Public Hearing on November 5, 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

November 6, 2008

Lee Price, City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk  
City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

Dear Lee Price:

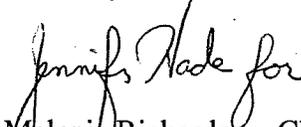
Re: Recommendation to the City Council to name 3 park sites located on the Hitachi Transit Village site, **“RAMAC Park” (10.6-acre community park site), “Raleigh Linear Green” (5.37-acre linear park site) and “Charlotte Commons” (one-acre neighborhood park site).**

On November 5, 2008, the Parks and Recreation Commission (hereafter, Commission) held a public hearing to consider the nominations for the naming of 3 park sites in Council District 2 located on the Hitachi Transit Village site. At this meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that the 3 park sites be named RAMAC Park, Raleigh Linear Green and Charlotte Commons.

Therefore, I am requesting that this item be agendized for Council consideration at the December 2, 2008 1:30 p.m. Council meeting.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please call Evelyn Velez-Rosario at 793-5552.

Sincerely,

  
Melanie Richardson, Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

cc: Forrest Williams, Council District 2  
Albert Balagso, PRNS  
Julie Edmonds-Mares, PRNS  
Art Rosales, Park Manager



# CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

## Naming of City-Owned Facilities

### NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: DAVID KOURY, HITACHI CORP. / EVELYN VELEZ-ROSARIO;  
Address: 200 E. SANTA CLARA ST. Daytime Phone: EVELYN PRNS  
408.793.5552

Name Proposed for Facility: RAMAC <sup>PARK</sup>, RALEIGH LINEAR GREEN AND CHARLOTTE COMMONS  
Location of Facility: HITACHI TRANSIT VILLAGE SITE (3 PARKS - 17 AC. TOTAL)  
(Include street address, cross street)

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

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes  No   
If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

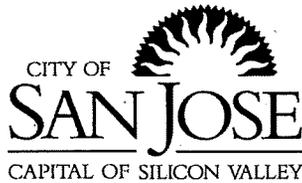
Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.)

SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION

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

**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   
Other



# Memorandum

**TO:** PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION

**FROM:** Evelyn Velez-Rosario

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 10-27-08

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Approved

Date

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**Council District:** 02  
**SNI:** N/A

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF THREE (3) NEW PARKS AT THE HITACHI TRANSIT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT SITE.**

## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the names "RAMAC Park" (10.6-acre community park site), "Raleigh Linear Green" (5.37-acre linear park site) and "Charlotte Commons" (one-acre neighborhood park site) for the three (3) park sites located on the Hitachi Transit Village site.

## BACKGROUND

The City will be acquiring approximately 17 acres on three separate park sites on the Hitachi Transit Village residential development site as part of the dedication process through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO). To fulfill its PDO obligation for Tentative Map No. PT05-108, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc. ("Developer") will dedicate and improve these park sites in conformance with a conceptual master plan previously approved by the City. The sites are currently under construction and improvements are expected to be completed by December 2008.

A number of community meetings have been held with local residents and other interested parties to discuss the design/development of the Hitachi Transit Village concept. On April 15, 2006, a community meeting introducing the project zoning and planned development proposals was held at City Hall. A follow-up meeting in May 2006 further discussed the project proposal and solicited additional comment from the community.

On August 15, 2006, Hitachi in conjunction with City staff, conducted a community meeting to specifically discuss proposed public recreation facilities associated with the Hitachi Transit Village proposal. This meeting was noticed to the community within 1,000 feet of the proposed

development and noticed as a display ad in the San Jose Mercury News. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Commission held two study sessions on February 21 and March 7, 2007, to discuss the proposed parks and recreation proposals for the Hitachi property. A mailer was sent to approximately 7,000 residents near the project site to advertise these meetings. The Commission conducted a final public hearing on the proposed Hitachi park sites on March 7, 2007, at which time the Commission recommended approval of three conceptual parks sites as presented at the meeting.

### **ANALYSIS**

City Policy Number 7-5, revised November 23, 1993, establishes Council policy regarding the determination of names to be given to City-owned land and facilities. Per the Policy, the City encourages naming that:

- reflects the City's ethnic and cultural diversity;
- recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the local, national or global community;
- recognizes distinct geographic, environmental or developmental features, or names of historical significance; and
- recognizes individuals for their service to the community.

The names nominated are associated with the following background descriptions:

- The IBM 305 RAMAC (Random Access Method of Accounting and Control), introduced in 1956 is recognized as the first commercial computer that used a moving head hard disk drive for secondary storage.
- Raleigh is connected to the IBM campus as it was the name of a private campus street, and is also the name of the new public street on which the 5.37-acre park is located.
- Charlotte is also connected to the IBM campus as it was the name of a private campus street, and is also the name of the new public street on which the one-acre park is located.

In the past, many of San José's parks have been named with distinct geographic or location features in mind (such as adjacent street names/locations, names of nearby landmarks or other features). Staff has submitted the names "RAMAC Park," "Raleigh Linear Green," and "Charlotte Commons" for consideration by the Commission.

EVELYN VELEZ-ROSARIO  
Park Manager

Attachments

**Brown, Brad**

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**From:** Velez-Rosario, Evelyn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008 10:46 AM  
**To:** Brown, Brad  
**Subject:** FW: Hitachi Park Name and Acceptance

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**From:** David.Koury@hitachigst.com [mailto:David.Koury@hitachigst.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2008 4:55 PM  
**To:** Velez-Rosario, Evelyn  
**Cc:** Brown, Brad; 'Deborah E. Quick'  
**Subject:** RE: Hitachi Park Name and Acceptance

Evelyn,

Below are Hitachi's recommendations for the three Parks, along with a brief write up of the justification. Please let me know if you need anything further.

**RAMAC Park**

*10 acre Park*

The IBM 305 RAMAC (Random Access Method of Accounting and Control), introduced in 1956 is recognized as the first commercial computer that used a moving head hard disk drive for secondary storage.

**Raleigh Linear Green**

*5 acre Park*

Raleigh is connected to the IBM campus as it was the name of a private campus street, and is also the name of the new public Road on which the Park is located.

**Charlotte Commons**

*1 acre Park*

Charlotte is connected to the IBM campus as it was the name of a private campus street, and is also the name of the new public Road on which the Park is located.

Regards-  
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Program Manager  
Real Estate & Site Operations  
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To "David.Koury@hitachigst.com" <David.Koury@hitachigst.com>  
"Brown, Brad" <Brad.Brown@sanjoseca.gov>, "Deborah E. Quick"  
cc <dquick@morganlewis.com>  
Subject RE: Hitachi Park Name and Acceptance

11/19/2008