



# Memorandum

**TO: PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION**

**FROM:** Nicolle Burnham

**SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW PARK  
AT HILLSDALE AVENUE AND  
COMMUNICATION HILL**

**DATE:** May 18, 2018

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Approved

Date

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the name “Pat Tillman Park” for the stairway and park site located on Hillside Avenue on the southern side of Communication Hill/San Juan Bautista hills in South San José.

## OUTCOME

Approval of the name recommendation in this memorandum will convey the support of the Parks and Recreation Commission to City Council. Council will consider the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendations in their decision on whether to approve “Pat Tillman Park” as the permanent name for this turnkey park.

## BACKGROUND

The future 1.5-acre turnkey park proposed for naming in this memorandum will be constructed in the first phase of the Communications Hill 2 Master Re-zoning<sup>1</sup> Project. The turnkey park will feature a fitness staircase (measuring approximately 150’ in height) complete with outdoor gym, parcourse equipment, and viewing platforms. A Park Ranger/public safety station with restrooms is also contemplated. If approved, the naming of “Pat Tillman Park” would commemorate Pat Tillman, who was a San José native, a professional athlete, and a patriot, who gave his life in 2004 while serving as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan.

The Master Plan for the proposed “Pat Tillman Park” staircase (Attachment 1), was developed to address concerns that the popularity of the Grand Staircase among view seekers and fitness enthusiasts had caused unintended consequences for neighboring communities, including traffic,

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<sup>1</sup> Communications Hill 2 project references: Master Rezoning File No. PDC13-009, Planned Development Permit File No. PD14-035, as amended.

littering, and noise. This new park has been designed in a more appropriate location to provide adequate security, parking, design features, and fitness facilities for a variety of users. The park will also provide pedestrian connections to the Communication Hill Trail.

To date, staff has received three completed name nomination forms, including one for “Pat Tillman Stairway,” which has been modified and presented for the Parks and Recreation Commission’s recommendation in this memorandum. The other two submitted nominations are attached (Attachment 2) to this memorandum, and acknowledge historical references to this park site. Staff would like to move forward with name nomination at this time, as construction documents are now at the 95% phase and final accommodations and signage must be prepared.

### **ANALYSIS**

City Council Policy Number 7-5 (revised November 23, 1993) establishes City Policy regarding the 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.

Staff finds that the proposed park name conforms with Council Policy No. 7-5 Naming of City-owned Land and Facilities. Specifically, approval of the name “Pat Tillman Park” would commemorate the sacrifice of one of San Jose’s fallen sons, while inspiring generations of park visitors to aim higher, challenge themselves, and prioritize public service. Staff believes that the aspirational nature and uniqueness of this park compliment the values exemplified by Pat Tillman throughout his life.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This item will be posted on the City’s website for the June 6, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission agenda.

The proposed Communications Hill Park Facilities Plan and the draft master plans for the future “Pat Tillman Park” turnkey park, William Lewis Manly Park, and Phase I Trail, were all presented to the community on January 14, 2015. The Communication Hill Park Facilities Plan was also presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission on February 4, 2015. The Commission recommended the master plans for Council approval on April 1, 2015. Throughout this process open dialogue has been maintained with representatives of the Tuscany Hills Homeowners

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Association (HOA), which represents the most active neighborhood nearest the future parks. City Council approved the park master plans and the associated Turnkey Parkland Agreement on June 2, 2016.

Staff actively invited public submission of park name nominations throughout the planning and public outreach process in accordance with City Council Policy 7-5 for the Naming of City Owned Facilities. To date, three name nomination forms have been submitted for consideration, including “Pat Tillman Stairway,” “Schuetzen Vertikal Park,” and “Hillsdale Station.” Staff recommends “Pat Tillman Park, for the Parks and Recreation Commission’s consideration; however, all three nomination forms have been attached for public disclosure and discussion.

### **FISCAL/POLICY ALIGNMENT**

There are no fiscal actions or costs associated with naming of this future park. The proposed action aligns with City Council Policy No. 7-5 for Naming of City-owned Land and Facilities.

### **COORDINATION**

Name nominations for this memorandum have been coordinated between Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services staff and the Office of the City Clerk. The Parks and Recreation Commission and person responsible for submitting the naming application will be notified of the City Council hearing date, once it is scheduled.

### **CEQA**

Not a Project, File No. PP17-008, General Procedure & Policy Making resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

Nicolle Burnham,  
Deputy Director,  
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

For questions please contact Nicolle Burnham, Deputy Director, at 408-793-5514.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1: “Pat Tillman Park” - Master Plan

Attachment 2: Naming of City-Owned Facilities Nomination Forms

- 12" W. x +/- 10' CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL. COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- 2' W.x 3'L. x 20"H. CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE BUTTRESS / PLYOMETRIC ELEMENT, TYP.
- STAINLESS STEEL ANCHOR AND RING ATTACH TO WALL FACE FOR TRX EXERCISES, TYP.
- INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE YOGA TERRACE AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE TURNAROUND W/ BENCHES & HISTORICAL OVERLOOK SIGNAGE
- 12" W. x +/- 2' CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL W/ STEEL TUBE GUARD RAIL, COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- 12" x 7-1/4"H CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RISER, TOOLED GROOVES W/ STAINLESS STEEL HANDRAIL, TYP.
- 8"W. CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE CHEEKWALL, TYP. COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- GALVANIZED STEEL CHANNEL BIKE WHEEL RAMP, EACH SIDE, TYP.
- 12" W. x +/- 3' CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL W/ STEEL TUBE GUARD RAILS. COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE MID-LEVEL EXERCISE LANDING W/ PROJECT BENCHES CHIN-UP / DIP BAR STATIONS, TYP.
- (OPTIONAL) CUSHIONED/RUBBERIZED, BOLT IN PLACE OUTDOOR RATED TILE SURFACE FOR YOGA / STRETCHING. LAYOUT & PRODUCT T.B.D., TYP. BOTH SIDES OF EXERCISE LANDING
- 12" W. x +/- 3' CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL W/ STEEL TUBE GUARD RAIL, COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- LED PEDESTRIAN SCALE POLE LIGHT, TYP. TYPE T.B.D.
- RESTROOMS, RANGER OFFICE, & STORAGE BUILDING. HALF EMBEDDED IN HILLSIDE ROOF MOUNTED SHADE ELEMENT TO MATCH ADJACENT PLAZA SHADE STRUCTURES
- 12" W. x +/- 5' CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE RETAINING WALL W/ STEEL TUBE GUARDRAIL MOUNTED ON TOP, COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.
- 12'H. STEEL TUBE SHADE STRUCTURE. POWDERCOAT FINISH, TYP. BOTH SIDES OF PLAZA
- 12"H. X 6' DEEP INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE WORKOUT TERRACES (3), TYP. BOTH SIDES OF PLAZA
- OUTDOOR RATED EXERCISE MACHINES, TYP. OF 8
- BLACK POWDER COAT STEEL 'HOOP' STYLE BICYCLE RACK, TYP. OF 6
- ON-STREET PARALLEL PARKING SPACES (50)

5' CONTOURS

PARK LIMITS

SPUR TRAIL CONNECTION TO COMMUNICATIONS HILL BLVD / MAIN STREET

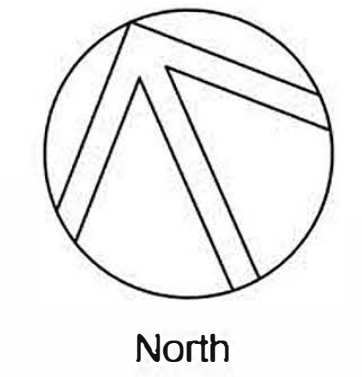
PARK LIMITS

HILLSDALE AVENUE

- FORMAL TREE GROVE; SPECIES HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 20'
- FUTURE HILLSDALE AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS
- OUTDOOR BOTTLE FILL STATIONS WITH FILTER, TYP. OF 2, TYPE T.B.D.
- PROJECT BENCH, TYP., TYPE T.B.D.
- CAST IN PLACE CONCRETE PARK MONUMENT WALL WITH SIGNAGE SIZE & LOCATION T.B.D.
- DUAL PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHT FIXTURE AND STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE, TYP OF 3
- INTEGRAL COLOR CONCRETE ACCESS PLAZA W/ PROJECT BENCHES & PARK MONUMENT SIGN
- 5' SQ. CAST IRON TREE GRATE, TYP.
- CAST IN PLACE PILASTERS W/ CAP AT BASE OF STAIR, TYP. OF 4, COLOR AND FINISH T.B.D.

# ATTACHMENT #1

## PAT TILLMAN PARK - MASTER PLAN



Scale: 1" = 20'

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1.5 Acres

**COMMUNICATIONS HILL**

PARKLAND FACILITIES EXHIBIT

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# ATTACHMENT #2



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## CITY OF SAN JOSE Naming of City-Owned Facilities NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: David J. Mitchell

Address: PO Box 453, San Jose, CA 95103-0453 Daytime Phone: 408-793-5528

Name Proposed for Facility: Pat Tillman Stairway

Location of Facility: New stairway being built on Communication Hill as an exercise facility  
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)  
New stairway being built on Communication Hill as a new exercise facility under the PDO/PIO

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.)

Pat Tillman Stairway is in honor of a San Jose Native Son, Patrick Daniel Tillman (November 6, 1976 - April 22, 2004) who was passionate about life, from his football days at Leland High School to ASU and the NFL. His academic career is also note worthy at ASU, along with his duty to serve his Country after the 9-11 Attack. Please see the one page attachment for additional info on Pat.

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

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Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

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# NAMING FACILITIES NOMINATION FORM ATTACHMENT

## PROPOSED NAME: PAT TILLMAN STAIRWAY

**PATRICK DANIEL TILLMAN: NOVEMBER 6, 1976 – APRIL 22, 2004**

Pat Tillman was born on November 6, 1976. He grew up with his two brothers and parents in San Jose, California. He attended Bret Harte Middle School and graduated in 1994 from Leland High School. Tillman played competitive football and help led the Leland High School to a California Central Coast Division I Football Championship.

Tillman then attended Arizona State University (ASU) on a football scholarship. He led the ASU Sun Devils to the 1997 Rose Bowl Game, after an undefeated season. He also earned three consecutive selections to the PAC-10 All-Academic Football Team. Tillman majored in marketing and graduated in three and a half years with a 3.85 GPA. He earned many academic awards including the Clyde B. Smith Academic Award in 1996 and 1997; the Sporting News Honda Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1997; and then in 1998, the Sun Devils Student Athlete of the Year.

In 1998, Tillman was the 226<sup>th</sup> pick in the National Football League (NFL) draft by the Arizona Cardinals. Tillman played defensive safety and started ten of sixteen games in his rookie season in 1998. At one point in his NFL career, Tillman turned down a five-year, \$9 million contract from the St. Louis Rams out of his loyalty to the Arizona Cardinals for drafting him.

On September 11, 2001, four jetliners were hijacked by 19 terrorists. Two of the planes were flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon, just outside Washington, D.C., and a fourth plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed from the four attacks. The events on that day had a major impact on Pat and on the country as a whole.

In May 2002, eight months after the 9-11<sup>th</sup> attack, and completing the 2001 season, Tillman turned down a three-year, \$3.6 million contract with the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the U.S. Army with his brother Kevin, who was a minor league second baseman with the Cleveland Indians organization. Both Patrick and Kevin understood the commitment to lead by servicing their country. Pat and his brother were both Army Rangers with the second battalion of the 75<sup>th</sup> from Fort Lewis, Washington. During their tour in Afghanistan, Pat was killed on April 22, 2004. Pat was honored in a nationally televised memorial service on May 3, 2004, in which Senator John McCain delivered the eulogy.

Linda Evans, a resident of San Jose submitted a name nomination of "Patrick Tillman Park" for the future park in CD3 at the intersection of Kerley and East Rosemary. Her name nomination was not selected. She wrote four simple words about Patrick Daniel Tillman under the appropriateness of the name facility section of the nomination form:

### **"Local Hero, Role Model"**

The stairway park at Communication Hill is geared to those who are trying to achieve their fitness goals. The name of "Pat Tillman Stairway" will remind the users that it takes discipline and effort to attain various goals in life beyond just fitness, like commitment to school, family and country.



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### NOMINATION FORM

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**Person Submitting Nomination:** Jean Dresden  
**Address:** 1276 Blewett Avenue San Jose CA 95125 **Daytime Phone:** 408-920-2551

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**Name Proposed for Facility:** Schuetzen Vertikal Park  
**Location of Facility:** A new park that will be built on Hillsdale Avenue and on the side of Communication  
(Include street address, cross street)

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**Nature of Facility to be Named:** (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)  
This will be a Fitness Park with staircase. Park users are expected to enjoy the staircase for training. Located on the southern side of Communication Hill/San Juan Bautista hills.

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**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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**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.)

Schuetzen Vertikal Park honors a park that operated from 1895 to about 1915 on the east side of Communication Hill. Opened by a German social club, the general public enjoyed access. It was so important that streetcars put "Schuetzen Park" as their destination. German immigrants were prominent in the city's business and civic communities, but two world wars forced them to lower their profile. This would honor their contribution to the life of San Jose.

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

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Other \_\_\_\_\_



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### NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Peter Lezak KB HOME  
Address: 5000 Executive Pkwy., Suite 125 Daytime Phone: (925)786-7560  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Name Proposed for Facility: HILLSDALE STATION  
Location of Facility: Communications Hill  
(Include street address, cross street)

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

Staircase Fitness Park

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

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## HILLSDALE STATION

The base of the staircase is in close proximity to Southern Pacific Railroad's former branch line to New Almaden. Built in 1886, the branch line intersected SP's main line at HILLSDALE STATION (@ Monterey Rd), running parallel to Old Hillsdale Road, providing passenger and freight service to the Goodrich (Grey-stone) Quarry and New Almaden area. Sandstone from the quarry was mined and hauled over the railroad for Stanford University and buildings all over the state, including San Jose's 1892 Post Office and 1905 Hall of Justice.

The first train to enter Diridon Station arrived from HILLSDALE STATION 82 years ago!

The City had finally persuaded Southern Pacific to move the Market Street station, from which long freight trains curtailed downtown development along its Fourth Street right-of-way. SP's preferred route through Willow Glen was halted by that community's incorporation in 1927. The route from SP's new station at Cahill Street (Diridon) would go through the American Dairy Ranch (Communications Hill), right-of-way SP purchased in 1929.

The first train to enter the new Cahill Station departed the Market Street station on December 30, 1935. Proceeding southward to HILLSDALE STATION (by then, renamed "Lick"), where it switched over to the new line and rolled northward to Cahill.

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