

Summary of Name Solicitation Survey

Analysis of Responses for the Payne Avenue park site

Over 40 name suggestions were submitted. A few names were suggested by multiple respondents and are noted below.

Number	Name	Summary of Name Reasoning	Does it Fit the Policy?	Explanation
1	Eden Neighborhood Park	Three survey respondents suggested this name has a connection to place because Eden Neighborhood is one of the neighborhoods surrounding the park site and reflects the Eden Neighborhood Association. Another respondent pointed out that Eden Avenue runs through several of the neighborhoods surrounding the park site.	Yes	Geographic location Name for <u>one</u> of the neighborhoods around the park site.
2	Betty Ong Memorial Park	The survey respondent suggested this name to honor Betty Ong's heroic efforts aboard American Airlines Flight 11 to notify authorities of the 9/11 hijacking.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation. (This name meets the criteria, but it does not have a local context. Betty Ong was a San Franciscan native, not San Jose)
3	Eden Garden	The respondent suggested this name because it references nearby Eden Avenue.	Yes	Geographic Location
4	Winchester Park	Two respondents suggested this name as a local reference point in the area. One respondent suggested this name could have a dual purpose of honoring Sarah Winchester, while the other respondent felt that it was more important to focus on the local reference point.	Yes	Geographic Location Deceased individual Prominent geographic feature or local reference point (Winchester Mystery House)
5	Payne Avenue Park	Two respondents suggested naming the park after the nearby street. One person suggested that it makes it easy to locate and identify the park, while the other suggested that the name is important to the area because it includes all the neighborhoods in the area.	Yes	Geographic location
6	West of Eden	The respondent suggested this name as a geographic play on Steinbeck's "East of Eden" novel. This name denotes the park's geographic location in relation to Eden Avenue.	Yes	Geographic location

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7	Homeless Camp # 29	The respondent referred to the presence of homeless individuals in parks.	No	N/A
8	Shark Tank	The respondent suggested this name because they felt that it sounds nice.	Yes	Prominent geographic feature or local reference point (The SAP Center at San Jose, also known as the Shark Tank, is a local reference point in the city. "Shark" also references the current playground.)
9	Victory Park	The respondent suggested this name to celebrate the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.	No	(While this may be considered a historical event, it is not clear how this specific event is tied to the local community or San Jose, in general)
10	Rosalind Franklin Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor Rosalind Franklin, a brilliant chemist, whose discoveries in DNA and virology contributed to the advancement of chemistry and science.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.
11	Barack Obama Park	The respondent suggested that the former president was a "Great president. Prominent U.S. president"	No	Person is still living.
12	Pueblo Play	Three respondents suggested this name to recognize the existing playground and to honor the people who contributed to the creation of the playground. One respondent referenced the name of the previous church on the site, Pueblo de Dios. Another respondent felt that this name is reflective of the surrounding community.	Yes	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point
13	Pueblo Play Park (5 people suggested this name)	Five respondents suggested this name to honor the existing playground name and to reference the Pueblo de Dios church which previously occupied the site. It was also pointed out that the word "pueblo" conveys a sense of inclusive community.	Yes	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point
14	Cherry Orchard park or Apricot Park.. or what ever fruit trees were there prior to the	The respondent suggested that the park be named after the type of orchard that once occupied the site.	Yes	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point

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15	Valens Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor rock star Ritchie Valens, who is considered a Rock and Roll pioneer and a pioneer of Chicano Rock. Ritchie Valens lived and worked with his family in San Jose during the 1950s.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.
16	Payne In the Avenue	The respondent suggested a play on the words "pain" and "Payne."	Yes	Geographic location
17	Esperanza de San Jose	The respondent suggested this name because it means "hope" and because it received several votes in the previous survey.	Yes	Geographic location
18	Payne Avenue Friendship Park	The respondent suggested this name explains where the park is located and sets a non-confrontational tone.	Yes	Geographic location
19	Garden of Eden	The respondent suggested this name to reflect the Eden Neighborhood.	Yes	Geographic location
20	Pueblo Pueblo Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor the existing playground name and to reference the Pueblo de Dios church which previously occupied the site.	Yes	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point
21	Garden of Eden Park	The respondent suggested this name to reflect the Eden Neighborhood and garden-like qualities.	Yes	Adjoining subdivision or community
22	Nikola Tesla Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor the inventor and engineer whose inventions in electrical supply and other items contributed to the technological advancement of society.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation and the San Jose area.
23	Dos Negros Cortazon	The respondent suggested that the name reflected a historical event.	No	No information was found for "Dos Negros Cortazon. After changing the name to "Corazon" (i.e., heart in English) instead of "Cortazon," information was found regarding a revolution in the Philippines. However, no relevant connection to the City of San Jose or the local community was found.

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				The individual did not leave any contact information for a follow-up.
24	Sarah Winchester Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor Sarah Winchester and the Winchester Mystery House.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual, however, it is not clear what significant contributions Sarah Winchester made to the nation, the State, or to the City of San Jose area.
25	(First/full name) Mrs Payne	The respondent suggested naming the park after Helen Schultz Payne, wife of George C. Payne. The respondent knew Mrs. Payne as a child and remembered her generosity. The respondent also thought that the Payne family had tried to gift the park to the City after Mrs. Payne's passing.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. It should be noted that the family did not gift the park site to the City. Instead, the City acquired the park by purchasing it from the Pueblo de Dios church.
26	Payne Avenue Community Park	The respondent suggested this name references a geographic location near the park site.	Yes	Geographic location
27	Mysticalville Park	The respondent suggested that the name reflects the "beautiful and happy community."	No	N/A
28	George C Payne Ranch Park	The respondent suggested this name to honor George C Payne, the former owner of the ranch where the park site is located, who was a renowned horticulturalist and was known for his pioneering achievements in grafting walnuts.	Yes	An individual who has been deceased for at least five years. Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation and the San Jose area.
29	Walnut Grove Park	The respondent suggested the name to reference the former agricultural use on the site and the "Walgrove Manor" subdivision that immediately surrounds the park site.	Yes	Geographical location Adjoining subdivision/community
30	West Valley Neighborhood Park	The respondent suggested this name in reference to the park's location in West San Jose.	Yes	Geographic Location (West Valley is the name of the urban village in the area. However, West Valley also has strong connection to the

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				neighboring city of Saratoga.)
31	Eden Gardens	The respondent suggested this name in reference to nearby Eden Avenue, which runs through the neighborhoods.	Yes	Geographic Location
32	Friend's Playground	The respondent suggested friendship as a theme for the park.	No	N/A
33	Friend's Playground on Payne Ave	The same respondent suggested this name and added "Payne Avenue."	Yes	Geographic Location The addition of "Payne Avenue" makes this suggestion comply with the policy.
34	West Valley Shark Park	The respondent suggested this name to recognize the contributions of the San Jose Sharks in funding the construction of the existing playground.	Yes	Geographic Location (West Valley is the name of the urban village in the area) Prominent geographic feature or local reference point (References the existing playground on the park site)
35	San Tomas Park	The respondent suggested this name in reference to San Tomas Expressway.	Yes	Geographic Location
36	Shark's Park	The respondent suggested this name in recognition of the contributions of the San Jose Sharks in funding the construction of the existing playground.	Yes	Prominent geographical feature or local reference point