

## Attachment B: Staff Analysis of Name Suggestions

Number	Name	Summary of Name Reasoning	Does it Fit the Policy?	Same or Similar Existing Park Name?	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. Staff found no information on the history of the name “Eden.”	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 <sup>1</sup> .	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	Yes	Geographic Location  Deceased individual  Prominent geographic feature or local reference point (Winchester Mystery House)

<sup>1</sup> Biographical sources of information on Betty Ong: <https://nextshark.com/betty-ong-911/>, [https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betty\\_Ong](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betty_Ong), and <https://www.911memorial.org/connect/blog/remembering-911-hero-flight-attendant-betty-ong>”

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					A planned park site has a similar name, Winchester Orchard Park.
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
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	Yes		An individual who has been deceased for at least five years.  Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.

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		contributed to the advancement of chemistry and science <sup>2</sup> .			
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 whatever fruit trees were there prior to the neighborhood development	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
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 <sup>3</sup> .	Yes		An individual who has been deceased for at least five years.  Deceased individual who made significant contributions to the nation.

<sup>2</sup> Biographical sources of information on Rosalind Franklin: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalind\\_Franklin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosalind_Franklin), <https://www.biography.com/scientist/rosalind-franklin>, <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-02144-4>, <https://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/spotlight/kr/feature/biographical>, and <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2015/jun/23/sexism-in-science-did-watson-and-crick-really-steal-rosalind-franklins-data>

<sup>3</sup> Biographical source of information on Ritchie Valens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=negZzC68Rfg>

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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 <sup>4</sup> .	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

<sup>4</sup> Biographical sources of information on Nikola Tesla: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikola\\_Tesla](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikola_Tesla), <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-rise-and-fall-of-nikola-tesla-and-his-tower-11074324/>, <https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/nikola-tesla>, and <https://www.biography.com/inventor/nikola-tesla>

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					Philippines. However, no relevant connection to the City of San Jose or the local community was found.  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 <sup>5</sup> .	Yes	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.  A planned park site has a similar name, Winchester Orchard Park.
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 <sup>6</sup> . However, the park was not gifted to the City. The City purchased the land for the park.	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

<sup>5</sup> Biographical sources of information on Sarah Winchester: <https://www.biography.com/personality/sarah-winchester>, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah\\_Winchester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarah_Winchester), and <https://historysanjose.org/research-collection/research-library/sarah-winchester-at-history-san-jose/>

<sup>6</sup> Biographical sources of information on Helen Payne, wife of George C. Payne: <https://www.mariposaresearch.net/santaclararesearch/SCBIOS/gcpayne.html>

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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 <sup>7</sup> .	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 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)

<sup>7</sup> Biographical sources of information on George C. Payne:  
<https://www.mariposaresearch.net/santaclararesearch/SCBIOS/gcpayne.html>,  
<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8qv3smc/admin/#did>, and  
[https://www.moreland.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=427312&type=d&pREC\\_ID=990650](https://www.moreland.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=427312&type=d&pREC_ID=990650)

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					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	Yes	Geographic Location  A park with this name already exists at 4093 Valerie Drive.
36	Shark's Park	The respondent suggested this name in recognition of the contributions of the San José Sharks in funding the construction of the existing playground.	Yes		Prominent geographical feature or local reference point

Key
Name aligns with the City's Naming Policy (City Council Policy Number 7-5)
Name does NOT align with the City's Naming Policy (City Council Policy Number 7-5)

**Name Options for the Ranked Choice Voting Survey (Survey #2)**

*Staff consolidated the name suggestions and combined similar name suggestions. All the name options listed below align with the City's Naming Policy (City Council Policy 7-5)*

#	Proposed Name
1	Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park
2	Esperanza de San José
3	George C. Payne Ranch Park
4	Helen Payne Park
5	Nikola Tesla Park
6	Payne Avenue Friendship Park
7	Pueblo Play Park
8	Rosalind Franklin Park
9	San Tomas Park
10	Shark's Park
11	Valens Park
12	Walnut Grove Park
13	West of Eden
14	Winchester Park



**Results of Previous Ranked Choice Voting Survey (11/15/21-12/1/21)**

<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>1st Preference Votes (Weight of Three)</b>	<b>2nd Preference Votes (Weight of Two)</b>	<b>3rd Preference Votes (Weight of one)</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
1	Eden Gardens Neighborhood Park	98	44	14	156	17.76
2	Payne Avenue Friendship Park	26	46	31	103	9.01
3	Esperanza de San José	14	25	16	55	4.84
4	West of Eden	13	23	23	59	4.84
5	George C. Payne Ranch Park	6	22	30	58	4.13
6	Pueblo Play Park	19	5	9	33	3.41
7	Winchester Park	19	5	8	32	3.36
8	Helen Payne Park	3	11	22	36	2.38
9	Nikola Tesla Park	8	10	9	27	2.38
10	Sharks Park	4	8	17	29	2.02
11	Walnut Grove Park	3	9	13	25	1.79
12	Rosalind Franklin Park	9	2	5	16	1.61
13	San Tomas Park	1	0	5	6	0.36
14	Valens Park	0	1	3	4	0.22