



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks & Recreation Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Homer Garcia III

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** District 1

**SUBJECT:**

Naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park

**SUMMARY:**

Ordinance approving the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Councilmember Dr. Sukh Kaur submitted a request to name the sports complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park the Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park.

Located on the northwest side of District 1, the Old Spanish Walking Trails soccer fields have been a cherished part of the community where kids of all backgrounds and ages build character, community, and camaraderie. The activation of these fields was accomplished with the vision of former City Councilmember and Mayor Edward D. Garza. In addition to the milestone partnerships that laid the groundwork for the development of Toyota and Texas A&M San Antonio, Mayor Ed Garza always had a vision to see San Antonio grow as a place for soccer. Through his work with the Urban Champions Soccer Academy, Old Spanish Walking Trails Park has helped thousands of kids become stronger leaders and team members through sport. The

proposed naming is in honor of the former Mayor for his contribution to the San Antonio community and recognizes his work in support of developing its future young leaders.

Staff followed the naming process in accordance with the Ordinance No. 2011-03-31-0239. A committee was established to hold a public hearing on this proposal. The public hearing was held on Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The committee consisted of Robert Zamora, Community Representative selected by the Councilmember Dr. Sukh Kaur, Council District 1, and Homer Garcia, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Notification was mailed to those within a two thousand (2,000) foot radius of the Old Spanish Walking Trails Park. Publication was placed in the San Antonio Express News; San Antonio Report; SA Speak Up; e-blast to the Parks and Recreation Department's 4,500 subscribers; and District 1 communication platforms. Based on the responses received from the public notice mailout and both in-person and written comment, 22 notices were in favor of the proposed naming and 3 notices in opposition. Following public input, the public hearing concluded with the committee recommending moving forward to the City Council the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located in Council District 1.

**ISSUE:**

This ordinance authorizes the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located at 3668 Fredericksburg Rd in Council District 1. This action is consistent with the City's Naming of City Facilities and Streets ordinance.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could elect not to name the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located at 3668 Fredericksburg Rd in Council District 1 and allow it to remain as-is.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval to the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located at 3668 Fredericksburg Rd in Council District 1.