



Christopher Columbus Statue Conveyance and Renaming of Columbus Park

**City Council
Agenda Item #30
August 13, 2020
Parks and Recreation Department**

BACKGROUND



- District 1 Councilmember Roberto M. Treviño Submitted a City Council Consideration Request:
 - Removal of the Christopher Columbus Statue
 - Conveyance of the Statue to the Christopher Columbus Italian Society
 - Rename Columbus Park to Piazza Italia Park
- Governance Committee Convened on June 30, 2020 and Directed the Item Move Forward to City Council in August 2020



BACKGROUND



- The proposed name change commemorates the culture and heritage of the Italian community in San Antonio
- The proposed park name change continues to honor the contributions Italian immigrants made to our community
- The Christopher Columbus Italian Society supports these actions



PROCESS



Committee

- Homer Garcia III, Parks and Recreation Director
- Shanon Miller, Office of Historic Preservation Director
- Paolo Cristadoro, Christopher Columbus Italian Society
- Erik Sanden, Parks and Recreation Board Member, District 1

Notification

- Notice of Public Hearing via Videoconference was Mailed to Residents and Businesses within a 200-foot radius of Park property, Per City Ordinance

Advertisement

- Parks & Recreation Website and City's SASpeakUp Website
- Express-News, San Antonio (Rivard) Report, La Prensa, and Southside Reporter
- 2 Press Releases



PROCESS



- Public Hearing:
 - Notifications Mailed Out on July 6, 2020
 - Virtual Public Hearing Held on July 16, 2020
 - Public Input Read/Heard Via Videoconference
 - 34 Individuals In Favor of Renaming
 - 22 Individuals In Opposition of Renaming
- Park Renaming Committee Unanimously Voted to Recommend to City Council that Columbus Park be Renamed to Piazza Italia Park
- Approval of the Park Name Change by City Council will Waive Specific Park Renaming Timing Requirements within the City Code and Approve the Compressed Timeline



RECOMMENDATION



Staff Recommends Approval:

- Removal of the Christopher Columbus statue
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