

CITY OF DENTON NAMING APPLICATION
City Buildings, Facilities, Land, or Any Portion Thereof

Please type or print clearly in ink:

Date of Submittal

2-23-2024

Commemorative Naming (Check One):

Individual ☐

Organization ☐

Individual or Organization Submitting Nomination:

Councilmember Vicki Byrd

Recommended Name of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

Quakertown Community Center

Location of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

Address

321 E. McKinney Street

Cross Street

Bell Avenue

Description of Location

McKinney Street side of Quakertown Park

Explanation of why this name should be considered. Please include the individual's biographical information and vitae or resume. Use additional sheets, if necessary:

As a continued layering of capturing the spirit of a well known history fact that the civic land that this building sits on was a historical town called Quakertown.

Although this building was erected on the lands that housed Quakertown, it had not been considered, as other building are not, to pay homage to the honor of Quakertown. Oddly enough and at some point, the considerable effort was made to honor Quakertown by creating visual art that is on the inside building structure noted as QUAKERTOWN. Look up as you are descending the steps to see the visual. It's as though the community was noting, as one entered the rotunda, they would now be in Quakertown. It evokes very poignant feelings for the lost community. The community also layered the story of Quakertown by renaming the Civic Center Park to Quakertown Park. The park is in Quakertown and the Community Center can be in Quakertown as well and aptly called/renamed Quakertown Community Center.

Please consider this as a token of appreciation to the ancestors of the Quakertown citizens that continue to perservere and thrive in Denton. We, as new citizens, are learning lessons from this story and advance the opportunity to continue to honor them with this request.

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Signature of Nominator or Organization Representative:



Date:

2-23-2024

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Individual or Organization Submitting Nomination:

DAVID MARTIN / N.T. UMPIRE ASSOCIATION

Recommended Name of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

JOHN ROYSTER CLASSIC JUNETEENTH CLASSIC

Location of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

Address

Description of Location

Cross Street

JUNETEENTH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Explanation of why this name should be considered. Please include the individual's biographical information and vitae or resume. Use additional sheets, if necessary:

We respectfully request the tournament be named- **THE JOHN ROYSTER JUNETEENTH CLASSIC**

John played softball for many years and frequently pitched for his team. Most folks who played in Denton knew him. In later years, he became an umpire, and excelled in that, too. He umpired the Juneteenth tournament for many, many years. He was named the 2019 USA Softball of Texas Umpire of the Year. John passed in March of 2022 at the age of 67.

From the nomination form for Umpire of the Year-

John Royster is a veteran umpire and a great guy. He is one of our top umpires in Denton County. He is well-liked by his fellow officials. He works several nights per week. John is always willing to fill in on short notice. He played slow pitch softball for many years and made the transition to umpiring very smoothly. He is a great observer of other umpires and likes to discuss signals and rules. He shows up on time and in full uniform, and frequently has a question or observation he wants to share prior to taking the field. This is frequently done in an amusing way as he has a great sense of humor. He also volunteers at Special Olympics events whenever he is asked. He has officiated several local S.O. tournaments and some State Championships, too. When umpire training is scheduled, he almost always shows up to assist the trainers. He is easy-going on the field and most participants know him by name and greet him when he walks up. John is a Marine veteran, but is very humble about his service.- David Martin

Great guy with a real passion for the game! -Brian Rutland

I've had the pleasure of calling with John Royster for a number of years. He's a solid umpire that has a great rapport with his partners and players. He represents USA Softball very well. -Bruce Kaufman

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David Martin

3-20-23

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Date of Submittal

August 26, 2024

Commemorative Naming (Check One):

Individual ☒

Organization ☐

Individual or Organization Submitting Nomination:

Rudy Rodríguez

Recommended Name of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

The Popo González Day Labor Center

Location of City Building, Facility, Land, or Any Portion Thereof:

Address

Denton Day Labor Site U.S. 377 @ W. Collins Street

Cross Street

Description of Location

See attached photo.

Explanation of why this name should be considered. Please include the individual's biographical information and vitae or resume. Use additional sheets, if necessary:

BACKGROUND: The October 4, 1996 editorial published in the Denton Record Chronicle, announced that a "Labor Exchange Program is Good for Denton." City Council Mayor Euline Brock subsequently reported that: "Construction of a much needed "labor exchange" will begin this month." The facility is now located on the corner of Locust and Eagle. According to the DRC report the day laborers: ...who for some years have gathered on the corner of Locust and Eagle will have a safer Day Labor Site." Delays on City Council approval were largely associated with the estimated \$32,000 construction cost. There was also the need for Popo González approving a Labor Site established across from his barber shop and his wife, Lupe's Hair Styling business. Both Popo and Lupe graciously agreed. Fundraising for the support of the Labor Site was led by LULAC President, Rick Salazar and Police Officer John Cabrales also former LULAC President. The 501.c3 Denton Humanitarian Association formed by Rick Salazar with help from his Fort Worth lawyer secured financial support to fund the project.

SEE ATTACHED FOR BIO INFORMATION.

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Rudy Rodríguez

Date:

August 26, 2024

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