



# City of Hutto

## Agenda

### Parks Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM

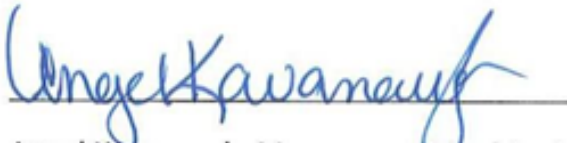
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1. **CALL SESSION TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **AGENDA ITEMS**
  - 4.1. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on August 11, 2021.
  - 4.2. Update and discussion on the Texas Wildlife Grant.
  - 4.3. Update and discussion of price comparison of rubber mulch vs mini mulch currently used in playgrounds.
  - 4.4. Update from Parks Advisory Board liaisons- providing feedback on assigned park(s)
  - 4.5. Updates from the Parks Advisory Naming Committee
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
7. **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that this notice of the Hutto Parks Advisory Board meeting was posted on the City of Hutto website and the City Hall bulletin board of the City of Hutto on DATE at 5:00 P.M.



  
Angel Kavanaugh, Management Assistant

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# AGENDA ITEM REPORT



**To:** Parks Advisory Board  
**Subject:** Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on August 11, 2021.  
**Meeting:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
**Department:** Community Services  
**Staff Contact:**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

## SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

## STAFF REVIEW:

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

## ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks Advisory Board Minutes 8.11.2021



# City of Hutto

## Minutes

### Parks Advisory Board

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM

### City Council Chambers

**1. CALL SESSION TO ORDER**

6:33PM

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members of the Parks Advisory Board in attendance were: Rose McMillin, David Meyer, Sharon Dyer and Katie Weiss, Perry Savard and Wendell Teltow were absent. City staff present or on call were: Tony Host, Executive Director Community Service, Angel Kavanaugh, Management Assistant and Council member Mandi Villarreal Salvo.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**4. AGENDA ITEMS**

- 4.1. Consideration and possible action on the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on July 14, 2021.

Board Member Rose McMillin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular scheduled Parks advisory meeting held on July 14, 2021 with the correction of Council member misspelled last name and remove ballfields from Checklist, seconded by Board member David Meyer. Motion Passed 4 Ayes to 0 Nays

- 4.2. Update and discussion on the Texas Wildlife Grant.

Tony Host updated the Board that we are still pending information from Texas Wildlife Grant, all documents were sent to them second week of July. We hope to have an update by next Parks Advisory Board meeting.

- 4.3. Consideration and possible action on the 2021/2022 Parks Budget.

Tony updated Board on the proposed 20-21 Budget, need to look at price comparison for Rubber mulch vs. mini mulch just purchased for playgrounds.  
Looking at Contracting mowing services for Hutto Lake Park, Brushy Creek Parks and Carmel Creek.

- 4.4. Update from Parks Advisory Board Liaisons - providing feedback on assigned park(s).

Board members received their checklists and began sending feedback to Tony.

- 4.5. Consideration and possible action regarding information on the park naming committee.

Committee had a meeting and briefly discussed members, names for Brushy Creek, possible survey Monkey for voting, set up next meeting for the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tony updated Board on Kokefest and while it was a great success (over 15K people) we are looking into charging a deposit for future events to make it possible to repair damage to Amphitheater grass and surrounding area due to event.

Also reached out to Legacy Church to utilize their volunteers for those events ( clean up ) and find other areas that we can use their services.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

8:02PM

**7. CERTIFICATION**

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Chair

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**Meeting:** Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
**Department:** Community Services  
**Staff Contact:**

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None

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None

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**To:** Parks Advisory Board  
**Subject:** Updates from the Parks Advisory Naming Committee  
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**Staff Contact:**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Naming Committee focused on names which honors Hutto's history. Below are the Committee's recommended names for the Park Board's consideration:

- (1) Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek (first settler)
- (2) Shiloh Park at Brushy Creek (first settlement/nearby cemetery)
- (3) Hippo Heritage Park at Brushy Creek (first and only school mascot)
- (4) Heritage Park at Brushy Creek (town heritage)

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## POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

## ATTACHMENTS:

1. Heritage Park Justification
2. Hippo Heritage Park Justification 2021 (2)
3. Shiloh Park (1)
4. Orgain Park HPSCAN\_2021090116581425\_2021-09-01\_165953619

**Proposed Name:**

*Heritage Park at Brushy Creek*

**Justification:**

As Hutto's population grows, it is more important than ever to preserve our town's heritage. It has been said that a name can invoke powerful emotions, create images, and help to recall history. Naming this park *Heritage Park* will do all of this. This Park, located near a historic cemetery and surrounded by several others, is an ideal place to bring our communities together to commemorate Hutto's past, present, and future.

*Heritage Park* is inclusive of the other three proposed park names. Each has its own identity and tells a part of Hutto's history, but together all are part of Hutto's heritage.

Park amenities could include bronze sculptures to tell the history of Hutto, along with educational signage depicting a timeline of that history. Another feature could be a Veterans Monument or Memorial Wall honoring Hutto's veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

**Pros:**

*Heritage Park* provides an opportunity for people with different life experiences to connect with one another to honor Hutto. Currently, the Fourth of July is held at this park, and other community events are planned.

**Cons:**

Pflugerville has a park named Heritage Park.

**Conclusion:**

*Heritage Park* is the ideal name for a park to connect our citizens as we celebrate and honor our past, present, and future.

## **Proposed Name:**

### **Hippo Heritage Park at Brushy Creek**

## **Justification:**

When we hear the word Heritage what comes to our minds is “a heritage of **honor**, **pride**, and **courage**”. Here in Hutto we take such pride in our hippos. Hippos can be seen throughout the community decorated in so many ways. We can find courage in how a hippo that got lose had courage to fight to stay here in the cool creek. That is how families feel when they move here. A great community where people want to stay, and families continue to come. Hippos are what we are known for. This is the only school district with a Hippo mascot. Our community loves them so much, that it was decided that the Hippo will be the mascot for all schools in Hutto.

## **Pros:**

How proud we would be to have concrete hippos throughout the park for the young and old to enjoy. How amazing it would be to have a Hippo sitting in Brushy Creek! People would want to come to Hutto just to see our amazing Hippo Heritage Park at Brushy Creek.

## **Cons:**

## **Conclusion:**

Naming this property Hippo Heritage Park would keep the historical heritage of our hippos. It would continue the inheritance of what we can give our present and future Hutto families. A park to be proud of that continues the tradition of Hutto Hippo Pride!

## **Naming of Pollard Property**

### **Proposed Name:**

*Shiloh Park*

### **Justification:**

The community of Shiloh sprang up on the banks of Brushy Creek. It was located near Wilbarger Crossing, later called Shiloh Crossing and Rogan Crossing. The small community which the cemetery originally served no longer exists; however, it predated Hutto. The demise of Shiloh may be in part due to the founding of Hutto as families relocated to that nearby town as the railroad made its entry into the area. The Shiloh settlement dates to 1848 when Nelson Morey and Josiah Taylor established stores in the area along Brushy Creek.

The land where the cemetery sits was part of an original land grant #9575 for 1852 acres issued to the heirs of William Gatlin, “who was an officer in the Army of the Republic of Texas and was killed at the defeat of Col. Fannin by the Mexican Army.”

Overview - Located near Hutto, Williamson County, Texas the community of Shiloh consisted of a school, a church, two stores and a few residents who lived on or near Brushy Creek. This area was a cattle crossing during the days following the Civil War but before that it had been a major route taken by many as they advanced southward through Texas. The residents of Shiloh made up some of the first settlers of Hutto once its railroad came through. Many of the early families who lived in Shiloh were buried or have relatives who were buried in Shiloh-McCutcheon Cemetery known as both the Shiloh Cemetery and the McCutcheon Cemetery during the earlier years. However, the first burial in the cemetery was attributed to the death of a woman passing through the area. The first recorded burial was that of Josiah Kuykendall who became ill with smallpox after a traveler spent the night at the Kuykendall home. Josiah’s brother Mark, who lived nearby came to care for his brother during the illness. They both died and were buried in the Shiloh Cemetery in 1853.

### **Pros:**

Historical

### **Cons:**

The Battle of Shiloh took place in Tennessee during the Civil War - Battle of Shiloh is the seventh-costliest land battle of the American Civil War (23,746 casualties)

### **Conclusion:**

Naming the new property the Shiloh Park would capture the historical aspect of the area. A google search showed no other parks with this name. The site of the Civil War battle is named Shiloh National Military Park.

## Proposed Name:

### Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek

I am submitting the name of "Adam Orgain Park at Brushy Creek" for the park now known as Brushy Creek Amphitheatre Park.

## Justification:

The first person to live in Hutto was not a Hutto, he was a Black man named Adam Orgain. Much information about Adam Orgain is supposition. 1880 United States Census records show that he was born a slave in 1837 in Tennessee.

Adam Orgain, a slave, 17 years old was the first person to settle in Hutto in the Blacklands at Brushy Creek, not far from Cottonwood Creek. (He lived in the wilds of the Grasslands North of Brushy Creek in Williamson County). He was a slave and worked the land for John Henry Orgain. Adam was 43 years old when he was able to purchase 5 acres for \$125.00. He lived and farmed this land with his wife and two sons. In 1893, his wife passed and he sold the land for \$2,000.00. He used a portion of these funds to purchase a headstone for his deceased wife. It was supposed that Adam watched over the Orgain cattle land and was a livestock handler. Years later, this land would eventually be turned into cotton fields. Adam probably lived in a primitive one room log cabin with a fireplace, as was common for the time.

A white marble base stone to a family tombstone inscribed ORGAIN was found behind a small house in Hutto on Jim Cage Street and Austin Avenue. This tombstone may have belonged to the Adam Orgain family. The tombstone is now located with museum items at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Conclusion:

I know there is a short street named Orgain in Hutto, south of the Railroad tracks. I believe naming this park after Adam Orgain would help with diversity in Hutto. He was the first person and family to live in Hutto. A great part of Hutto's history.

## Pros:

Historical - Diversity

## Cons:

None

Thank you for considering this submission for naming this park in Honor of Adam Orgain.  
Submitted by Sharon A Dyer, Park Board Member 2021