

AN ORDINANCE **2009 - 12 - 03 - 0952**

AUTHORIZING THE NAMING OF THE VOELCKER PROPERTY ACQUISITION LOCATED AT 1021 VOELCKER LANE, 13203 BLANCO ROAD AND 8400 NW MILITARY HIGHWAY IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS 8 AND 9 AS THE PHIL HARDBERGER PARK.

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WHEREAS, Members of the City Council, the City Manager, and representatives from various park stakeholder organizations submitted a request for the naming of the Voelcker property to Phil Hardberger Park to commemorate and honor his legacy as Mayor for the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens of San Antonio elected Phil Hardberger as Mayor of San Antonio on June 7, 2005. During his tenure, Mayor Hardberger oversaw a period of economic growth, rising prosperity and stability in San Antonio, the nation's seventh largest city. He addressed basic concerns about city services and infrastructure while striving to increase San Antonio's overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hardberger extended his legacy with unprecedented vision and leadership by championing the acquisition of the Voelcker property. Recognizing the value of parks in improving the quality of life for citizens, Mayor Hardberger led the effort in purchasing the Voelcker property as part of the strategy to increase acreage and accessibility to parks which future generations will continue to enjoy. The acquisition and development of the Voelcker property was the signature project among the 69 park projects included in the 2007-2012 Bond Program, the largest municipal bond program in San Antonio history; and

WHEREAS, staff followed the naming process in accordance with Ordinance No. 2007-08-30-0913. A committee was established to hold a public hearing on this proposal. The committee consisted of Councilman W. Reed Williams, District 8; Councilwoman Elisa Chan, District 9; Chuck Saxer, Community Representative for District 8; Ray Knox, Community Representative for District 9; and Xavier Urrutia, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing and naming was advertised through the Parks and Recreation's website, the media, and direct notification of all residents and businesses within 200 feet of this public property. City Council believes that the purpose for and input provided by the City Code procedures for naming facilities including parks thereof has been satisfied; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Voelcker property acquired by the City of San Antonio for use as a park and located at 1021 Voelcker Lane, 13203 Blanco Road, and 8400 N.W. Military Highway in City

Council Districts 8 and 9 is hereby named the Phil Hardberger Park. City staff is directed to provide appropriate signage to this effect.

SECTION 2. There is no financial impact realized through the passage of this Ordinance.

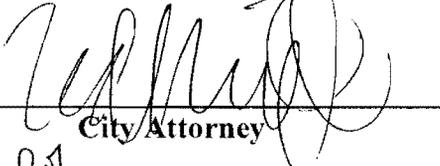
SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective on 13th day of December, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of December 2009.


M A Y O R
for JULIÁN CASTRO

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney


City Attorney


Agenda Item:	4						
Date:	12/03/2009						
Time:	10:41:38 AM						
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve						
Description:	An Ordinance naming the park property located at 1021 Voelcker Lane, 13203 Blanco Rd., and 8400 NW Military Hwy., in City Council Districts 8 and 9 to "Phil Hardberger Park". [Sharon De La Garza, Assistant City Manager; Xavier Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation]						
Result:	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor	x					
Mary Alice P. Cisneros	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Jennifer V. Ramos	District 3		x				
Philip A. Cortez	District 4		x				
David Medina Jr.	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6	x					
Justin Rodriguez	District 7		x				
W. Reed Williams	District 8		x				x
Elisa Chan	District 9		x			x	
John G. Clamp	District 10		x				



Phil Hardberger Park Naming

City Council

Agenda Item #4

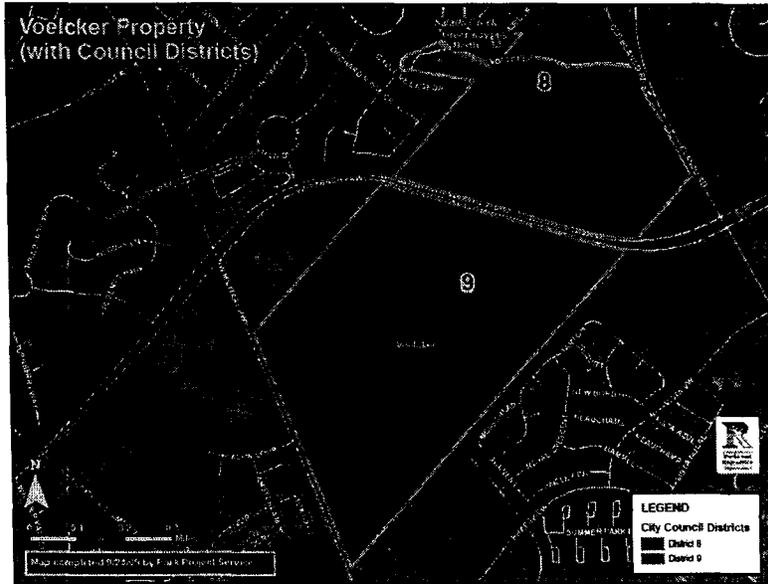
December 3, 2009

Parks and Recreation Department



Action

- Authorizes the naming of park property to Phil Hardberger Park
- The park property is located at 1021 Voelcker Lane, 13203 Blanco Road, and 8400 NW Military Hwy., in City Council Districts 8 and 9



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Background

- City Council, the City Manager, and various stakeholders submitted a request for the naming of the Voelcker property to Phil Hardberger Park
- The naming will honor Mayor Hardberger's legacy by preserving the land while transforming it into a great public open space and destination for residents and visitors

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Background

- Mayor Hardberger recognized the value of balanced growth and the importance of increasing our inventory of parkland and green space
- His leadership paved the way to acquire the Voelcker property
 - 107 acres initially purchased in 2006
 - 204 acres purchased as part of 2007 Bond Program

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Naming Process

- A Naming Committee was established consisting of:
 - Council Member Reed Williams, D8
 - Council Member Elisa Chan, D9
 - Chuck Saxer, Community Representative
 - John Kuderer, Community Representative
 - Xavier Urrutia, Director, Parks & Recreation
- Public Hearing held on November 24, 2009 with an overwhelming show of support by the public in favor of the naming

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Voelcker Recognition

- The approximately five acre location of the Voelcker Homestead is a Texas designated historic site
- As future phases occur, recognition of the Voelcker family heritage is planned as part of the park development

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Recommendation

- The committee members in attendance voted unanimously to recommend to City Council that this park property be named -
Phil Hardberger Park
- Staff recommends approval of this ordinance

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