



Austin Parks and Recreation Board

Barton Springs Bathhouse Renaming Proposal

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Austin Municipal Code

Process initiated to rename the
Barton Springs Bathhouse
(2131 William Barton Dr.)
to
Joan Means Khabele Bathhouse
at Barton Springs Pool



Application for Naming a Park Facility or Park

Please follow the instructions below when applying for the naming or renaming a facility or property.

1. Complete the application by providing detailed information about the park facility or park to be named or renamed. Please include any supplemental information such as articles, letters of support and signature list with the application. The application must contain documentation of public support for the proposed name. Public support materials must be provided to the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Please provide payment of the Application Fee, \$365.00 in the form of a cashier's check. Checks should be made out to City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department and submitted with the application.
3. A Sign Fabrication Fee in the amount of \$940.00 will apply, should City Council approve the application. A cashier's check should be made out to City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Send all submittals to:
Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PAR), Attn: Christine Chute Canul,
919 W 28th 1/2 St. Austin, TX 78705
5. Questions may be directed to Christine Chute Canul via email:
christine.canul@austintexas.gov or by phone: (512) 974-9515

Current Name of Park Facility or Park:

Bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool (no official name)

Nominated Name for the Park Facility or Park:

Joan Means Khabele Bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool

Identify Type of Park Facility to be named or renamed:

☐ Park	☐ Pool Complex	☐ Sports Complex	☐ Trail
☐ Recreation Center	☐ Cultural Center	☐ Senior Center	☒ Other Significant Building

If other is selected, please specify:

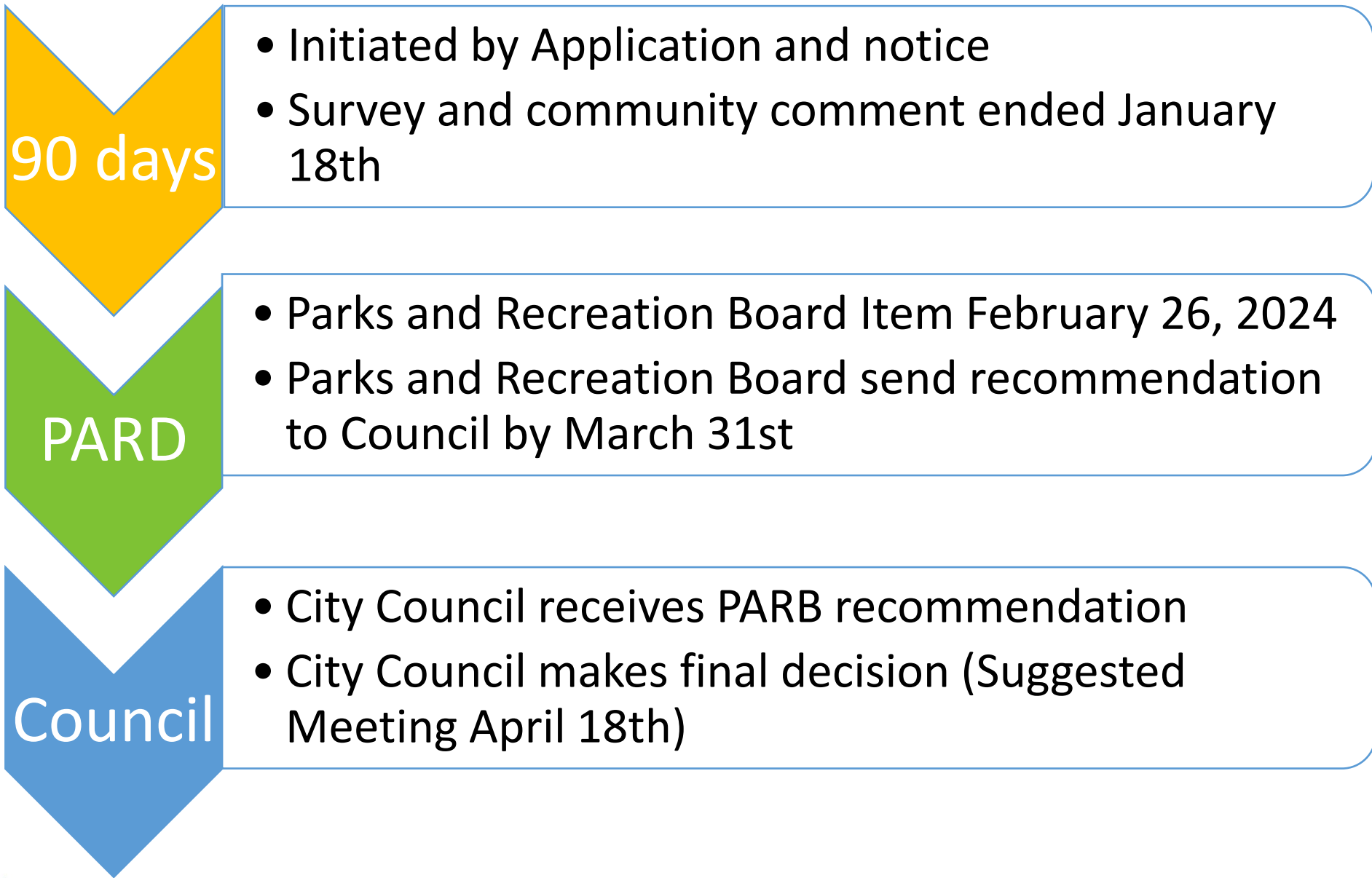
Bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool

Naming/Renaming Process

- The process for naming or renaming a park facility is in Austin City Code of Ordinances
 - Section [14-1-36](#),
 - Section [14-1-37](#),
 - Section [14-1-39](#).

Naming/Renaming Process

On October 20, 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department Director notified the Parks and Recreation Board, City Manager, and City Council via written correspondence of an application to rename the Bathhouse at Barton Springs to the Joan Means Khabele Bathhouse at Barton Springs



Barton Springs Bathhouse History

- Built in 1947 replacing an earlier wooden structure
- 1987 City Council Resolution 870319-15 approved the naming of a portion of the Barton Springs Bathhouse “BJ ‘Buster’ Robinson Sr. Information Center”
- May 8, 1997 naming of the Beverly S. Sheffield Education Center likely completed administratively
- Both preceded Austin’s current Code
- Both align with current code definition of “feature”
- Appropriate for the existing feature names to remain

Joan Means Khabele

- Born October 22, 1942
- Attended Blackshear Elementary and Kealing Junior High
- Among the third group of students to integrate Austin High School
- Late 1950s first Black person to jump into Barton Springs Pool in an act of civil disobedience
- Sparked a movement of swim-ins that took place weekly throughout the summer of 1960
- Organized students from Austin High, University of Texas, St. Edwards and Huston Tillotson University in protest- leading to desegregation of Barton Springs Pool and Zilker Paek years before the 1964 federal civil rights laws



Joan Means Khabele



Community Engagement Feedback

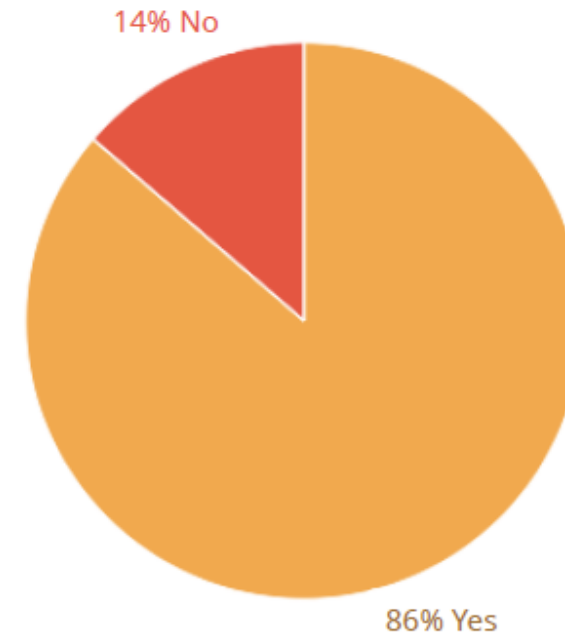
Barton Springs Bathhouse Renaming Proposal Feedback Form



Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
1,378	315	673	204

Would you like to provide your endorsement to rename the Bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool to the Joan Means Khabele Bathhouse at Barton Springs Pool?



Next Steps

Parks and Recreation Board to make a recommendation

Request for Council Action to be placed on City Council
Agenda for final consideration and action

Questions?