



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Councilman W. Reed Williams, District 8

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**SUBJECT:** Naming Greenway Trails in honor of Howard Peak

**DATE:** May 31, 2012

Issue Proposed for Consideration

Naming Greenway Trails in honor of Howard Peak  
Code: Article XVI. Naming of City Facilities and Streets

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Brief Background

In the early 1980's, Howard Peak spearheaded community meetings to discuss sustainable growth in San Antonio. Four of the reoccurring themes coming out of the discussions were as follows:

- Retain and add recreational space as San Antonio grows.
- Preserve San Antonio's character and charm.
- Increase opportunities to improve the health of our families.
- Clean up and improve the safety of flood zones along our creeks.

While working for the City Planning Department and serving on the Zoning Commission, Howard began formulating the idea of a "ring" of hike and bike trails in the flood zones along the City owned creeks. The ring of hike and bike trails addressed the citizens concerns expressed in the public process. As the representative from District 9 on City Council from 1994 to 1007, Howard partnered with Lyle Larson to purchase the land and started the trail system in Walker Ranch. As Mayor from 1997 to 2001, Howard solidified his vision for hike and bike trails along the Leon and Salado Creeks and won citizen support to increase the sales tax by 1/8 of a cent to start building the trails.

The additional sales tax approved by the voters in 2000 raised \$20 million and funded approximately 11 miles of trails. In 2005, Howard led the campaign to renew the sales tax for \$45 million to add 38 miles of trails. Again in 2010, the voters approved the continuation of the sales tax and Howard led the campaign to extend the tax for \$45 million to build an additional 30 miles of trails. The current funding to the trail system will consist of over 79 miles of trails. Future expansion of the trail system could ultimately yield 120 miles of trails should voters approve in future years.

The greenways are an ever-growing network of trails that will eventually circle the entire city. These trails provide limitless opportunities to connect with nature, be active and promote a healthy environment. Because of his relentless and successful efforts, it is appropriate that the Greenway Trails should bear his name:

## HOWARD PEAK GREENWAY TRAILS


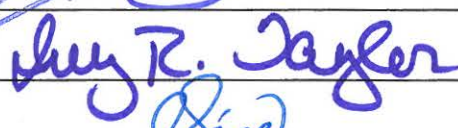
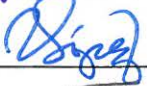
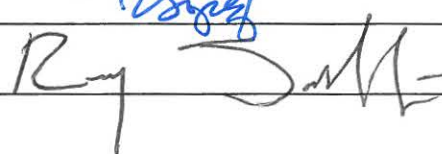
Submitted for Council consideration by:



Councilman W. Reed Williams, District 8

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