

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR MICHAEL B. HANCOCK, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: ALLEGRA "HAPPY" HAYNES
SUBJECT: RE-NAMING OF NORTHSIDE PARK IN HONOR OF SAUL CARPIO AND THE SANGUINETTE FAMILY
DATE: AUGUST 25, 2017
CC: SCOTT GILMORE

I am pleased to recommend that Northside Park be renamed in honor of former City Councilman Salvadore "Sal" Carpio Sal Carpio and the Sanguinette family.

The Sanguinette family migrated to the United States in 1853, purchasing land in 1874 at 40th Ave and Walnut, and 10 acres of farmland east of Washington St. between 50th and 51st Streets. By 1900, the family farm was located on the edge of what is now Northside Park. This family is a staple of the history of Globeville, and tells the story of the strength of the immigrant story of this neighborhood. They are one part of the story of the foundation of Globeville and the creation of the community today.

Sal Carpio was another meaningful part of the history of Globeville and the creation of Northside Park, as he was not only a City Councilman but a dedicated and longtime Denver resident. As a City Councilman, Carpio represented District 9 which stretched from I-70 on the north to Mississippi on the south, Colorado Blvd. on the east, and Federal on the west. He authored the Neighborhood Notification Ordinance in 1976, which gave neighborhoods a formal voice in how land use decisions were made. Today, the neighborhood associations are key stakeholders in decisions that impact their residents. Carpio also added additional park land, helped redevelop the Central Platte Valley for parks and resident usage, and importantly secured funding to acquire the land on the former Northside Water Treatment Plant (which is now Northside Park).

However, in addition to his contributions on City Council, Carpio also acted as the Executive Director at the Denver Housing Authority. There, he to improve the lives of residents in various communities through securing three US Department of Housing and urban Development HOPE VI grants.

The public process to name Northside Park began in early 2016 when Globeville residents desired to have the Northside Park recognize the contribution of early immigrant families and



the representation of former Councilman Sal Carpio. The petition was submitted and championed by Councilwoman Deborah “Debbie” Ortega’s Office. The petition included:

- 666 complete signatures (150 more than required)
- Twenty (20) letters or emails of support, including letters from Wellington Webb, former Denver Mayor; Rudy Gonzales, Federico Pena, former Denver Mayor; Dr. Patricia “Patty” Baca, former Denver Public Schools Administrator; Patricia A. Salazar, Sal Carpio’s wife, and his family; Louis and Debbie Gomez, Sanguinette family relatives; and three (3) longtime Denver residents

In his letter, Wellington Webb stated that, *“As this area of Denver changes, it is important to remind our longtime residents and newcomers of our pioneers and leaders who worked decades for the neighborhoods who use this park.”*

Federico Pena wrote *“My greatest admiration of Sal Carpio stems from his renowned honesty integrity and devotion to the people of Denver. He is truly deserving of this honor and the renaming of this park will serve as an inspiration to many Northside youth to work hard, dream big, and contribute to their city.”*

One longtime Denver resident, Paula E. Sandoval, stated *“[Renaming the park] will unite the history of the two cultures and two distinguished families and I cannot think of a better way to honor and remember them.”*

Following the public hearing held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Denver Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended Northside Park be re-named “Carpio-Sanguinette Park” with a majority vote.