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Doctor's Park Renamed for Two Distinguished Local Physicians

TEMPLE, TX – May 3, 2012– At their regularly scheduled meeting this evening, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the renaming of Doctor's Park to Dr. Jose Rodarte and Dr. Jesse Ibarra, Jr. Doctor's Park.

The three acre park on 34th street was originally named Doctor's Park in March of 2008. It was named Doctor's Park at the request of the Bell County Medical Alliance who wanted to dedicate a park, or part of a park in honor of retiring physicians. In exchange, the Medical Alliance agreed to help construct the park, to include park signage, benches and a walking trail. Additionally, they agreed to donate a tree for the park each year for each retiring doctor.

"Edward Luna approached the City earlier this year to consider naming a city facility or park for two doctors that have both had outstanding careers at Scott & White in Temple," states Parks and Leisure Services Director Ken Cicora. "Doctors Jesse D. Ibarra, Jr. and Jose Gamma Rodarte have both contributed many years to medicine and our local community."

Bell County Medical Alliance President Maureen Villamaria sent a letter to the City indicating the Alliance's support and appreciated the "opportunity to offer our support of City efforts to recognize these two distinguished physicians." She also stated that… "it is clear that Dr. Rodarte and Dr. Ibarra are both outstanding examples of the impact that physicians have had, and continue to have, in Central Texas."

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