

**CITY OF OCEANSIDE
NOMINATION FOR NAMING/DEDICATION OF PARK
AND/OR RECREATION FACILITY**

INDIVIDUAL



Date of nomination: May 28, 2025
 Nominator: Larry Hidalgo
 Address: 2126 Fire Mountain Drive, Oceanside, CA 92054
 Phone: 760-402-0271 cell; 760-757-1535 home
 Recommended site: Skate Park at John Landes Park
 Recommended name: Shane Hidalgo Skate Park at John Landes Park
 If a family member, what is the relationship? Father

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Please elaborate on your circled answer. Attach additional pages of supportive materials, if needed, to clarify the nomination.

If you were to Google "Shane Hidalgo," you would come across many references to this brilliantly talented young athlete who died at age 22 on May 20, 2012, while on his way to skate for an event to benefit an orphanage in Mexico.

Born in Oceanside on April 9, 1988, Shane was placed on a skateboard by his dad, Larry Hidalgo, an avid skate boarder and surfer himself, when Shane was only 3 years old. By the time he was 7, Shane was teaching his cousins and other family members and friends how to skate. For Shane, it was about family, community and about giving back, especially to kids in poverty neighborhoods.

Googling Shane, you would see, story after story, video after video, what a great role model Shane was during his lifetime for Oceanside and for the surf skate sport world.

Following Shane's life would be like following the history of the development of skate parks in Oceanside. Shane began perfecting his talent at Rotary Skate Park, the first (temporary) skate park that was located downtown Oceanside, near the Pier. In his final years, he could be found at the skate park at MLK Park, teaching kids how to do certain moves and maneuvers. He even tested the Alex Road Skate Park, just before it was to open.

Shane proudly represented several skateboard shops in the business community, including Asylum Surf Shop in Oceanside, McGill's Skateshop in Encinitas, Surf Ride Board Shop in Oceanside, and Gravity Skate Boards, a manufacturer who also designed the Shane Hidalgo Board.

Shane Hidalgo truly exemplifies the hopes and dreams of those who skate in his hometown of Oceanside, where he developed a very personal/special relationship with all the kids learning how to skate. Shane was completely committed to helping kids, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through his many hours of working with kids, Shane truly gave outstanding service to the Oceanside community, contributing to the quality of life of kids throughout Oceanside. It has now been 11 years since his death, and skate boarders still gather around at least once a year to pay tribute to Shane and to his love of the sport, his family and of his Oceanside community.

Community-wide activities involved in:

Shane worked for Oceanside Parks and Recreation at Joe Balderrama Park, where he became a mentor to other kids. Shane skated for non-profit organizations

such as Urban Skate 4 Kids and Bridge to Skate, organizations bringing skateboarding to kids in poverty neighborhoods throughout California and other countries.

Local clubs or organizations served:

Shane Hidalgo represented several skateboard shops in Oceanside, including Asylum Surf Shop and Surf Ride Board Shop in Oceanside. He was also sponsored by Tracker Trucks in Oceanside, which does the trucks that connect the wheels to the skateboard decks. His greatest achievement was representing Gravity Skate Boards, a local skate board manufacturer which ultimately produced the Shane Hidalgo Skate Board.

Schools attended:

Shane was born at Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside, California, where he lived all his life. He attended Palmquist Elementary, Lincoln Middle, and Oceanside High schools. Shane was a mascot for OHS Pirates and was also on the school's surf team.

Major benefit(s) to Oceanside:

Shane Hidalgo was a phenomenal, successful Oceanside athlete and individual who gave back to our Oceanside community, especially to disadvantaged kids. As an amazing role model with a huge following that has continued to commemorate his life and talent with community activities for the last 9 years here in Oceanside as well as in other countries, the City of Oceanside can be proud to name the skatepark at John Landes the Shane Hidalgo Skate Park at John Landes Park.

Why are you nominating this person?

As his dad and initial trainer, I had the greatest opportunity and joy of watching this young man learn the art of surfing and skating, from age 3 when I placed him on a board until his death. He was fantastic in both sports, choosing to perfect skating – combining surf moves on a skateboard, bringing so much to the new culture of surf skating. I was always there, patiently, gently pushing him to find his next steps, always reaching for perfection. I am not alone in the pride I have for Shane, watching his many fantastic moves now memorized in many videos. He has contributed so much to our Oceanside community, in such a short period of time, and to all the kids who dream of surfing and skating, becoming better people along that journey.

I have attached a few articles as well as a list of YouTube videos available on the internet showcasing Shane's skating, to show how highly Shane was regarded by and how much Shane meant to our community.

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I Love him, He was loved greatly by the community, And he should be remembered so in that way this will influence many children in a positive direction in life.

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Deadline: June 1, 2025

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Signature

Dated: 5-22-2025

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Date of nomination: May 28, 2025

Nominator: **Stephen P. Cerruti**

Address: **4242 Arcata Bay Way**

Phone: **(760) 494-0828**

Recommended site: **El Corazon Park Site 1**

Recommended name: **Point Park**

Description of Theme

The following list of nine park names is proposed for the new parklands developing within the significant El Corazon complex. The overarching theme for these names is directly inspired by the sport of surfing, an activity with deep historical roots, cultural significance, and considerable financial importance to the City of Oceanside. The chosen terms, all intrinsically linked to surfing and the dynamic ocean waves that define our coastline, aim to authentically celebrate this profound connection. This theme seeks to instill a strong sense of place unique to our city and reflect the coastal environment that is integral to our community's identity and heritage.

Each proposed name (e.g., 'Point Park,' 'Peak Park,' 'Swell Park') has been carefully selected for its strong alignment with the city's naming policy. These names primarily evoke geographic identifiers, topographic attributes, or other prominent natural elements that are not only inherent in our coastal landscape but also familiar within the lexicon of surfing.

Furthermore, a theme born from the energetic and iconic sport of surfing ideally complements the vibrant, recreational spirit of El Corazon itself. This esteemed complex is a hub for community sports and diverse activities. Introducing a naming convention inspired by surfing—a globally recognized symbol of our city—would resonate deeply with El Corazon's active nature. It also finds a harmonious parallel with other successful local programs, such as the well-regarded 'Surf' soccer organization, which itself leverages terminology deeply tied to our celebrated coastal culture. Thus, this set of park names aims to be thematically rich, historically and economically relevant to Oceanside, and highly appropriate for new recreational spaces within our community treasure, El Corazon.

Complete List of Nominations

Point Park: This directly aligns with "geographic identifiers." A "point" is a land feature, making it a very natural park name, especially in a coastal area. *Point Park was chosen for Park Site 1 due to its direct alignment and natural park name. However, staff who were familiar with the topography might choose to substitute a different park name for Park Site 1 and reserve Point Park for the most prominent park.*

Peak Park: This fits "topographic attribute." While it's the highest point of a wave, "Peak" also commonly refers to the top of a hill or mountain, making it suitable for a park, perhaps one with an elevation or a significant high point.

Fetch Park: This could be interpreted as a "geographic identifier" in a broader sense. While it refers to the area of sea where waves are generated, "Fetch" can also evoke a sense of an open expanse or a place one goes to, making it a plausible and slightly more unique park name.

Swell Park: This leans towards "topographic or other prominent natural attribute." While "swell" describes a wave's size, it also conveys a sense of rising land or a gentle undulation, which could be fitting for a park's landscape. It has a pleasant, natural sound.

Comber Park: "Comber" (a long, curling wave) has a gentle, evocative sound. It could be seen as a "natural attribute" and suggests a rolling landscape or a place near the sea.

Ripples Park: This clearly fits "topographic or other prominent natural attribute." Ripples are a common natural feature, not just in the ocean but also in ponds or due to wind on landscapes. It suggests a gentle, perhaps smaller, park.

Break Park: This could be interpreted as a "topographic attribute" if one thinks of a "break" in a treeline, or a "shore break" as a geographic feature. It's a strong, evocative name.

Set Park: While "Set" refers to a group of waves, it can also imply a "setting" or a particular named locality or a "set-aside" natural area. This is a bit more abstract but still plausible as a geographic or natural attribute identifier.

Surface Park: This aligns with "topographic attribute" as it refers to the top layer of something. It's general enough to apply to land and could suggest a park with a notable open area or specific ground cover.

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Date of nomination: 5/30/25

Nominator: KEVIN BOCKMAN

Address: 1017 ALBERTA AVE

Phone: 760-583-9945

Recommended site: EL CORAZON PARK #1

Recommended name: KIYAM PARK, (FAMILY PARK)

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Luiseno Language Name

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Date of nomination: 5/30/25
Nominator: Joan Beckman
Address: 1017 Alberta
Phone: 760 433 9401
Recommended site: Park El Corazon
Recommended name: _____
If a family member, what is the relationship? _____

Handwritten notes:
Park 1-a
on El Corazon
Should not be
named for
individuals

Supole Park

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El Corazon Park 1 Naming Proposal: Supul Park
May 30, 2025

Joan Bockman recommends that El Corazon Park 1 be named using the Luiseno/Payomkawichum language name for "one": "Supul Park"
There are experts in the language who should be consulted before proposing a specific name. Tribal Elder Diania Caudell told me that she would help with this process. For example, the name may be slightly changed to be "first" instead.

The reason for using Luiseno names for Park 1 (and hopefully for all 9 parks) is as follows: The land upon which El Corazon Park stands is unceded land occupied by the Luiseno/Payomkawichum tribe. Spanish speaking nations (Spain/Mexico) have claimed the land, and today it is part of the USA. The entire Park, some street names and developments are in Spanish (Mesa, El Camino, Rancho del Oro, Toyon, El Corazon, Ventana and Luma). All else is in English (Frontwave Arena, Senior Center, Aquatic Center, SoCal Fields, Composting Facility, Village Commercial Way, LaBounty Dr, and probable future commercial names). The only other language that should be considered from a historic perspective is Luiseno. In addition, residents can learn to count in Luiseno just by using the park names.

Since the attached form does not address this type of naming, I have included the City Policy below.


From the form:

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