

To Mayor, Council and Staff:

Recently City Council approved the purchase of land south of the train tracks with the purpose to developing said parcel into a city park. This city park will provide space and opportunities for all residents of Angleton while directly presenting convenience for those living on the south side of Angleton.

A new park presents a rare opportunity to commensurate a lasting legacy in the name that park will carry. I am suggesting and urging that the mayor, city council and staff to consider naming the new park in the memory of one it's most inspiring citizens Abigail Rose Arias – "Abigail Arias Park".

A resident of Angleton, Abigail served as an inspiration to the residents of Angleton, Brazoria County, the great State of Texas, as well as nationally as she courageously battled the cancer that would eventually take her life on November 5, 2019. Abigail had an infectious smile that accompanied a joyous laugh and an outgoing personality. Abigail was energetic and loved being around people. Abigail was everything good in this world; she embodied courage, bravery, toughness, dignity, joy, friendship, and love! Her time on earth brought people together, and symbolized all the good accomplished when we all lived in love for our neighbor. In my opinion, Abigail and her family, especially her parents Ruben and Ilene, and her brother, Ethan, are heroes.

For the reasons set out above, Abigail is deserving of recognition and having her name forever honored. It's my belief that when residents mention "Abigail Arias Park" it will not be in sadness for the beautiful child who was taken away so young, but for all the positives that her life and battle with cancer represented.

Please consider memorializing Abigail Rose Arias and her story with a park named in her memory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Travis Townsend". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Travis" and last name "Townsend" clearly distinguishable.

Travis Townsend
Angleton City Council
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