



**Date:** May 10, 2005  
**To:** Mayor O'Neill and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Val Lerch, Councilmember, Ninth District  
Rae Gabelich, Councilwoman, Eighth District  
**Subject:** Naming of 55th Way Parkland Parcel, Ed "Pop" Davenport Park

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The parkland at 55<sup>th</sup> Way is a 5.5 acre parcel that will become a neighborhood park with many amenities, including parking, a restroom, tot lot, multi-purpose fields, basketball courts, game tables and bike racks. This future park site will be unique, in that it will be planted with many California native plants.

Construction for the existing landfill closure began in April 2005 and completion of the park is expected to be December 2005.

Naming of the park was presented to the North Project Area Committee (NPAC) on March 24, 2005 for consideration and was approved.

Corporal Ed Davenport served the City of Long Beach as one of our finest Police Officers for some 41 years. (Please see biography attached.)

It would give North Long Beach great pride to honor this outstanding officer by naming the site after "Pop" Davenport.

**Recommendation:** Refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration of naming the parcel at 55<sup>th</sup> Way, Ed "Pop" Davenport Park at their May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and request a report back to City Council for the meeting of June 7, 2005 for final approval.