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MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee to rename the Sports Complex at Chittick field “Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field.” (District 6)

DISCUSSION

On November 17, 2020, Eighth District Councilmember, Al Austin requested that the Mayor and the members of the City Council refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission a request to recommend that the sports complex at Chittick Field be named for Dee Andrews (Attachment A). Chittick Field is a City-owned park located at 1900 Walnut Avenue (Attachment B).

This item was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) at the January 21, 2021 meeting. The recommendation was amended to approve with the caveat that Council District Eight and Council District Six should seek additional public input that would include the proposed signage and location and keep the name “Chittick” pre-eminent and return to Commission for further consideration.

The City’s Policy and Process for Naming of City-owned Land, Buildings, and Facilities Administrative Regulation (AR 8–7) provides the policy to guide the consideration of a naming request:

- The name should incorporate Long Beach whenever important for civic recognition or identification;
- A name in honor of a recognized geographic area, a topographic feature or a historically significant event may be appropriate;
- A name in honor of persons or families who have donated the land or a substantial portion of the improvement costs may be appropriate when applicable;
- A name in honor of a person or persons who have served the nation, the State of California, and/or the City of Long Beach in an exceptional or distinguished manner may be appropriate if warranted by service of major significance;
- A name in honor of a living person, or of a deceased person within one year of their death, is not appropriate unless the significance of that person’s contribution is worthy of an exception to the policy;
- A name in honor of a person is not appropriate when a name in honor of another person has been given to the same site, building or facility in the past;

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- A name in honor of a person is not appropriate if that person been overly recognized in the past, and;
- A name may be selected through a competition or a contest.

In accordance with AR 8-7, Councilmember Austin's naming request is referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The naming request includes the justification included in Attachment A since the individual included in the proposed naming request is a living person and requires an exception to policy. The Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) recommendation will be transmitted to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and then back to the City Council for final confirmation, consistent with AR8-7.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for fabrication and installation of a standard park flag sign is estimated to be \$2,300. If a different type of signage is desired, an estimate would be obtained and presented to the Council Office for consideration. Implementation of this recommendation is anticipated to result in a moderate impact to staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and a moderate impact to Parks, Recreation and Marine Department budget and City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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MANAGER
PARK PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS

APPROVED:



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR

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Attachment A: November 17, 2020 City Council Agenda Item R-63

Attachment B: Aerial of location of Chittick Field proposed to be renamed to "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field"

Attachment C: Letters of support

Attachment D: January 21, 2021 Public Comment