

January 4, 2022

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to the City Council to rename the El Dorado Park West Senior Center the "Dr. Thomas J. Clark Community Center," in recognition of the legacy, contributions and services of former Long Beach Councilman and Mayor, Thomas J. Clark. (District 4)

DISCUSSION

On September 28, 2021, the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee approved a recommendation submitted by Committee Chair Supernaw, to consider renaming the El Dorado Park West Senior Center, the "Dr. Thomas Clark Community Center" (Attachment A). The motion passed unanimously and was then referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration as the next step in the re-naming process.

On October 21, 2021, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and unanimously approved the recommendation to forward the item to the City Council for approval. Representatives from the 4th District City Council Office, as well as Dr. Clark's daughter, were in attendance in support of the motion.

Tom Clark was the consummate public servant. After two years in the military, he enrolled at Long Beach City College where he excelled in academics and was a Track and Field athlete. In the early 1950's, he earned B.S., O.D., and M.S., degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and opened his optometric practice in Los Altos in 1953.

Prior to being elected to public office, Dr. Clark served on the Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission). In the early 1960's, Dr. Clark led the Commission's effort to secure a bond for the purchase of the land that is now El Dorado Park West. It is safe to say that without his efforts, the open space we enjoy today would have been developed for commercial purposes.

In 1966, he was elected to the Long Beach City Council for the Fourth District where he served for 30 years (1966-1996), including three terms as Mayor of Long Beach (1975-1978, 1978-1980 and 1982-1984). From 1981 – 1982, he served as President of the League of California Cities.

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terms as Board President. During his tenure at Long Beach City College, he served as President of both the California Community College Trustees and the Community College League of California (2006). In 1976, he was inducted into the Long Beach City College Hall of Fame for his community leadership and in 2007 he was elected to the Long Beach City College Hall of Champions for his accomplishments as a Track and Field athlete. No one in Long Beach history has given more for a longer period than the Honorable Tom Clark.

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- 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
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The matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on December 8, 2021 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on December 7, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for fabrication and installation of signage is unknown at this time. If approved, the Parks Recreation and Marine Department will work with the Public Works Department to obtain appropriate cost estimates for the signage and identify funding for this project. For previous similar projects to replace existing facility signage, it was determined that costs were approximated to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Fabrication and installation of the signage will not move forward until funding is identified. Once funding is identified, the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department will return to City Council to appropriate funding for this project. This

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recommendation is anticipated to result in a moderate impact to staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and a moderate impact on existing City Council priorities. Local job impact is unknown until a vendor is selected.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,



BRENT DENNIS
DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

BD:SS:NV:GK:HO:VD

Attachment A – September 28, 2021 Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee documentation
Attachment B - October 21, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission documentation

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENT A

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
GOVERNMENT, PERSONNEL
AND ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 2:00 PM**

Daryl Supernaw, Chair
Cindy Allen, Vice Chair
Al Austin, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

GOVERNMENT, PERSONNEL & ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

CALL TO ORDER (2:00 PM)

At 2:00 pm, Chair Supernaw called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (2:00 PM)

**Councilmembers Austin, Allen and Supernaw
Present:**

Also present: Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Tameia Austin, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (2:01 PM)

- 1. 21-0986** Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Government, Personnel & Elections Oversight Committee meeting held Friday, August 20, 2021.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Allen, seconded by Chair Supernaw, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Austin, Allen and Supernaw

2. 21-0987 Recommendation to receive Charter Commission appointments and reappointments pursuant to Section 509 of the City Charter and Section 2.03.065 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, and forward this item to City Council for approval.

Councilman Austin spoke.

Chair Supernaw spoke.

Vice Chair Allen spoke.

A motion was made by Member Austin, seconded by Vice Chair Allen, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Austin, Allen and Supernaw

3. 21-0988 Recommendation to consider renaming El Dorado Park West Senior Center the "Dr. Thomas Clark Community Center" in recognition of the legacy, contributions and services of former Long Beach Councilman and Mayor, Tom Clark, and forward this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission for additional discussion prior to forwarding to City Council for approval.

Chair Supernaw spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Supernaw, seconded by Member Austin, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Austin, Allen and Supernaw

4. 21-1039 eComments received for the Government, Personnel & Elections Oversight Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

This Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2:07 PM)

No members of the public addressed the committee.

ADJOURNMENT (2:07 PM)

At 2:07 pm, there being no objection, Chair Supernaw declared the meeting adjourned.

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City of Long Beach
Working Together to Serve

Date: September 28, 2021
To: Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee Members
From: Daryl Supernaw, Chair, GPE Committee
Subject: Dr. Thomas Clark Community Center

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine in collaboration with the Department of Public Works to provide a fiscal impact report for City Council discussion.

~~EXTERNAL~~

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In accordance with AR 8-7, Chair Supernaw's naming request is referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation will be transmitted to the full City Council for final confirmation, consistent with AR8-7.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost for fabrication and installation of signage is unknown at this time. If approved the Department of Parks Recreation and Marine will work with the Department of Public Works to obtain appropriate cost estimates for the signage. Funding is yet to be identified. 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,

MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

October 21, 2021

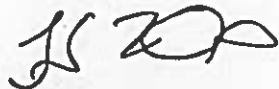
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PARK PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS



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Attachment – September 28, 2021 Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee documentation.

Barbara Moore

From: Kathy Jacob <kck808@fastmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Council District 4
Subject: El Dorado Senior Center renaming

EXTERNAL

Hi,

I would like to express my support for the name change to honor Dr Clark.

Best regards,

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Kathy

Barbara Moore

From: Penny Flint <pennyflint53@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Re: October 15, 2021 - Go Fourth! Friday Newsletter

EXTERNAL

👍 Another Fine Newsletter 🙌 I'm Glad for the Honor being shown toward Dr. Clark he was our Counsel-person when EPAC Was established and I was honored to have been invited by Tom to be on this most effective Committee 🙏 Thank You For continuing this "Go Fourth" Legacy and making us Better than Ever 🗣️ 🗣️ Penny on Spaulding

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 15, 2021, at 1:31 PM, Councilman Daryl Supernaw <district4@longbeach.gov> wrote:

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Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletter. Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm, we distribute this publication to provide updates on past and future events throughout our council district. Please encourage your neighbors to sign up for the Go Fourth! Friday newsletter by contacting us at: district4@longbeach.gov.



- Councilman Daryl Supernaw

COVID-19 Updates

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More information available at this [link](#)

Barbara Moore

From: Jon <j.monat@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Tom Clark

-EXTERNAL-

Daryl,

I knew Tom Clark beyond just hi. I think everyone did. He was a class act. I was on the Recreation Commission in late 80's and early 90's, serving as president last two years. I handed the gavel over to Rae Gablich. Anyway, I would not even have to think about it. The answer is that naming the senior center for Tom Clark is a no-brainer. I would vote yes.

Jon Monat

Barbara Moore

From: Kathy Berry <kathyberryoct@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Tom Clark Center at El Dorado Park

-EXTERNAL-

This is to encourage the Park Commission to vote in favor of renaming the Community Center West at El Dorado Park in honor of Dr. Thomas Clark.

Tom gave much to this City serving as a councilman and as Mayor plus his activities on many boards and commissions. In addition his service as a doctor also supported Long Beach.

Tom was a friend and business colleague for many, many years. It would be an honor to remember him in this way. Thank you

Kathy Berry
resident of 4th district for 70+ years
Consultant in public/media relations

Barbara Moore

From: Bob Livingstone <boblivy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Dr. Thomas J. Clark Senior Center or Tom Clark Senior Center

-EXTERNAL-

Please add my name to the list of people who were represented for many years by Tom Clark, and who feels naming the El Dorado Senior Center after him is appropriate and very well deserved.

Tom's unmatched and always-honorable service to our City and surrounding areas is unmatched in the 95 years that my family has lived in Long Beach. He played a huge role in facilitating the funding and building of the Community/Senior Center in El Dorado Park and this would be one of the most deserved namings of a City facility in the past 50 years.

Bob Livingstone
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boblivy@gmail.com
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Barbara Moore


From: Kathy Berry <kathyberryoct@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2021 5:26 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Dr Tom Clark

-EXTERNAL-

Councilman Supernaw

Thank you for honoring Tom and his commitment to Long Beach by suggesting the El Dorado Park West building be named in his honor.

Tom and Lois gave so much to Long Beach and Community Hospital that this acknowledgement is so important. Growing up in Dist 4 I felt honored to know them and interact often.

Tom was a treasured friend and touched/influenced so many he always needs to be remembered. Hoping that the Parks and Rec Commission and back to the Council will bring your proposal to fruition. Thank you Daryl for all you are doing also. The perfect person to be trending on Tom's road!!! 

Kathy Berry
Consultant
4th District resident since 1942

Sent from my iPad

Barbara Moore

From: Lurlie Edgecomb <lurlie@zero3nine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Tom Clark
Attachments: lurlie.vcf

-EXTERNAL-

I tried to add my name in support, but it wouldn't take. So just add me in, please. Thanks, Lurlie or Lee

Barbara Moore

From: Charles <csweavr@msn.com>
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From: Mark Perelli <perelco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Council District 4
Subject: Letter to Parks & Recreation Commission supporting the proposal to rename the El Dorado Park West Senior Center the "Dr. Thomas Clark Community Center"

EXTERNAL

Please accept this email letter as a resident of the City of Long Beach our support to rename the El Dorado Park West Senior Center the "Dr. Thomas Clark Community Center".