



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to approve the name of Ed "Pops" Davenport Park for the new park being developed on 55th Way in North Long Beach.
(District 9)

Ninth District City Councilmember Val Lerch and Eighth District Councilwoman Rae Gabelich have requested that the new park being developed on 55th Way in North Long Beach be named the Ed "Pops" Davenport Park (see site and aerial maps in Attachment #1). The North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Advisory Committee reviewed this suggested name on March 24, 2005, and concurred with the recommendation. Pursuant to Administrative Regulation AR 8-7, Policy and Procedures for the Naming of City-owned Land, Buildings and Facilities, on May 10, 2005, the City Council referred the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration (Attachment #2). The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the request at their meeting on May 19, 2005 (Attachment #3) and concurred with the recommendation that the park be named in honor of Ed "Pops" Davenport.

Administrative Regulations AR 8-7 provides several guidelines to be used in naming requests.

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;

A name in honor of a person is not appropriate if that person has been overly recognized in the past; and,

A name may be selected through a competition or a contest.

Naming the park site after Ed "Pops" Davenport is appropriate under the category of persons who have served Long Beach in an exceptional or distinguished manner of major significance. It is fitting that this honor be bestowed on Ed Davenport, who served as a Long Beach Police Officer for 41 years, until his death in 2003. Mr. Davenport's biography is Attachment #4.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna Gwin and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on May 26, 2005.

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.

The recommended action will have no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

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