

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

REQUEST FOR ACTION

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2015

SUBMITTED TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

SUBMITTED BY: JANEEN LAUDENBACK, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

PREPARED BY: DAVID C. DOMINGUEZ, FACILITIES, DEVELOPMENT & CONCESSIONS MANAGER

SUBJECT: NAMING OF NEW SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK

Statement of Issue: Based on City Council action, the Commission is being asked to review a recommendation on naming of the new senior center in Central Park.

Funding Source: N/A

Recommended Action(s):

Approve changing the name of the new senior center from “The Senior Center in the Park” to “The Senior Center in Central Park”.

Alternative Action:

Do not approve the name suggested by City Council and direct staff on how to proceed.

Analysis: A new senior center facility is currently under construction in Central Park. The new 37,565 square foot facility will provide the space and amenities needed to serve the current and future senior population in the City.

While in the concept and plan development stages, it is common for projects to receive a working title or be referred to based upon the function they provide. To this point, the new senior center has been referred to as “The Senior Center in the Park. In previous discussions with staff and members of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, both agreed that calling the facility the “Senior Center in the Park” neither disrespects nor glorifies any one individual. This name reinforces that there have been numerous passionate advocates for the Senior Center and believe that name as such is inclusionary to each and every one of those devoted individuals.

While some facilities have gone through the naming process as identified in Resolution 2004-90, not all have. Facilities that are named after an individual such as the Vincent

G. Moorhouse Marine Safety Headquarters have gone through this process. Other facilities such as the Art Center, Beach Maintenance Facility, and the Central Park Sports Complex are referred to for the functions they provide and have not been subject to the conditions of Resolution 2004-90.

In an effort to consider other names for the facility, a Council Submitted Item was brought forward by Councilmember Peterson at the October 5, 2015 Council meeting. His objective was to see if there was an interest among the rest of the Council to considering other names for the facility. At the meeting City Council made a motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan with a second by Councilmember Katapodis to make a recommendation to the Community Services Commission to change the name of the new facility to "Senior Center in Central Park".

Staff feels that the recommendation from Council is very similar to the working title and is even better descriptor of the location of the facility. The Council recommendation also maintains the original intent to emphasize the purpose of the facility as well as its surroundings and is therefore in support of the Council action.

Environmental Status: Not applicable

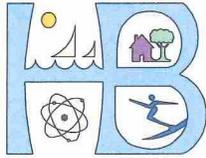
Attachment(s):

	No.	Description
	1.	City Council Member for October 5, 2015
	2.	October 5, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

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COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC PETERSON - CITY COUNCIL ITEM
OCTOBER 5,, 2015
(STATEMENT OF ACTION)

ATTACHMENT #1



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
City Council Interoffice Communication

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Erik Peterson, City Council Member 
Date: September 28, 2015
Subject: ***CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ITEM FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2015,
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – NAMING OF THE SENIOR CENTER
IN THE PARK***

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Discuss the renaming of the new Senior Center.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move to change the name from Senior Center in the Park to _____.

xc: Fred Wilson, City Manager
Ken Domer, Assistant City Manager
Joan Flynn, City Clerk

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ATTACHMENT #2

transparency opportunities appropriate for incorporating into our municipal procurement policies and procedures for securing third-party contracts

Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis stated support for revising Councilmember O'Connell's item after the Study Session for Item #16 is completed

Councilmember Posey stated that there are some good points he can support in Councilmember O'Connell's item, however there are other items that he cannot support

Councilmember Delgleize voiced her agreement with Councilmember Posey's comments, and concurred that Councilmember O'Connell's item should be revisited after a Study Session is held

Councilmember Peterson discussed his experiences on the Finance Board that related to public transparency, and his knowledge of disclosure for the "evergreen" contract that Councilmember O'Connell shared concerns about. He stated confidence that a Study Session allow Council to address a majority of the issues stated in Councilmember O'Connell's item

Discussion concluded without action

18. Approved Item Submitted by Councilmember Peterson - Naming of the Senior Center

Councilmember Peterson shared his opinion that he is not generally a proponent of naming buildings after an individual because it takes a team of individuals for a successful result. His objective in presenting this item is to generate conversation to see if there is interest in another name

Mayor Hardy questioned if recognition given to Michael Rodgers years ago travels to the new Senior Center location, or does it stay with the property where it was originally built? She recognized Speaker Briscoe's idea of naming the old location "Rodgers Park," and explained that names considered by Council will be forwarded to the Community Services Commission for a formal recommendation

Councilmember Sullivan suggested that the new name be "Senior Center in Central Park "

Councilmember Delgleize and Director Laudenback discussed the process for doing a memorial naming, i.e., the Community Services Commission makes a recommendation that would then require City Council approval. Director Laudenback explained that "Senior Center in the Park" has been the working name for the project, and since it was not named after a specific person, following a formal procedure was not necessary

Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis expressed support for the discussion and Councilmember Sullivan's suggested name

Councilmember Peterson and Mayor Pro Tem Katapodis agreed that if the Senior Center was to be named after an individual, Councilmember Sullivan would be at the top of the list to acknowledge his many years of dedication and exemplary service to the City

A motion was made by Sullivan, second Katapodis to send a recommendation to the Community Services Commission to change the name of the new "Senior Center in the Park," to "Senior Center in Central Park "