

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

AGENDA DATE: January 22, 2008

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nanette Smejkal (541-4283)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: District 7

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Approve a resolution of City Council authorizing the renaming of the swimming facility located within Shawver Park and currently known as Shawver Pool, to the "William W. Cowan Pool".

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

William Cowan was a City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department employee in the Aquatics Division for 24 years, retiring as the Director for Aquatics in 1999. He was a co-founder of the Gus and Goldie Learn to Swim/Water Safety program. In 1979 Bill was named the National Amateur Athletic Union's "Public Recreation Man of the Year", the highest award of the association annually. Bill volunteered his time after retirement to the El Paso Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the County Park Board.

Although the pool is currently named Shawver Pool, the name is derived from being geographically located within Shawver Park and not as being specifically named Shawver Pool.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

No.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

Funding for the new facility sign will come from the nominating party.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the request to rename the swimming pool located at Shawver Park, "William W. Cowan Pool" at their December 4, 2007 meeting. The Advisory Board recommends approval by the City Council.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to rename Shawver Pool to the **“WILLIAM W. COWAN POOL.”**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT Shawver Pool shall henceforth be renamed and known as the William W. Cowan Pool; and,

THAT Claire Cowan is the person requesting this specific name and shall incur the customary costs associated with the naming or renaming of a park or park facility, such as installing or replacing signs with the park name or any other signs posted or affixed for a facility. Any proposed signs shall be acceptable to both the Parks and Recreation Department and the individual(s) or group making the request. (District 7)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

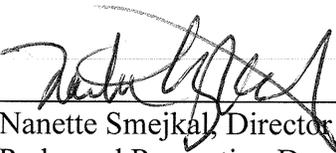
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Josette Flores
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nanette Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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