

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

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DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
AGENDA DATE: September 20, 2011
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nanette Smejkal, Director (541-4283)
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

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 to name the gymnasium located within Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center at 901 N. Virginia Street, El Paso, Texas as the Willie Cager Gymnasium.

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?

The naming of parks and recreation facilities follows a Council adopted policy. The Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee, led by Joseph Nevarez III, provided the naming application, citizen support petitions, and research. The Naming Subcommittee and the entire Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) reviewed the naming application. Consensus was reached and the PRAB recommends naming the gymnasium "Willie Cager Gymnasium." Attached please find background materials.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

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?

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted to approve the naming recommendation on August 8, 2011 and forward to City Council for consideration with a recommendation to approve.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:  _____
(Example: If IRCA 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 Board to name the gymnasium located within Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center at 901 N. Virginia Street, El Paso, Texas, as the **WILLIE CAGER GYMNASIUM**.

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

THAT the gymnasium located inside the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center at 901 N. Virginia St, El Paso, Texas shall henceforth be named and known as the Willie Cager Gymnasium; and

THAT Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee is the organization requesting this specific name and shall incur the customary costs associated with the naming of the gymnasium, such as installing or replacing signs with the new 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 8)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2011.

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

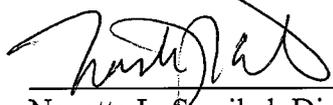
Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nanette L. Smejkal, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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City of El Paso
PARK NAMING/CHANGING
Application



Applicant information

Please print or type the information in black ink

Applicant Name: Joseph Nevarez III
Mailing Address: 820 Prospect City: El Paso Zip: 79902
Home Phone: 850-5437 Work Phone: N/A Cell Phone: 850-5437
Email Address:
Organization Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee Non-Profit

Proposed Name / Change

Park/Facility Location/Address: 901 N. Virginia, El Paso, Texas 79902
Current name of Park or Facility: Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Not Applicable

Suggested Name: Willie Cager Gymnasium
(at the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center)

Category:

- Outstanding Individual(s)
Common usage identifying the Neighborhood
Historical Event, Person, Place
Natural or Geographical Feature to the area
Benefit/Organization Acknowledgement
Other

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Re-Submitted

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PARKS AND RECREATION
STAFF ONLY

Date Received by PARD: 6-29-2011
Date of Committee Meeting: 8-8-2011
Date of PRAB Meeting: 8/8/11
Date of City Council Meeting:



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Supporting Documentation

Suggested Name: WILLIE CAGER GYMNASIUM @ THE PAT DUBOISE RECREATION CENTER

Please provide a written narrative that supports the nomination for consideration. If proposing to name a park or facility after an outstanding person, a biography must also be attached and include material that identifies the individual's significance and notable reputation in the City of El Paso.

WILLIE CAGER WAS BORN TO A LOW INCOME FAMILY IN BRONX N.Y. HE HAD A BURNING DESIRE TO BECOME SOMETHING MORE. A N ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP WAS OFFERED TO HIM TO ATTEND TEXAS WESTERN COLLEGE, (NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO) THUS LIVING BEHIND HIS FAMILY AND A GRANDING FAST-PACE LIFE IN NEW YORK CITY.

WILLIE CAGER IS BEST REMEMBERED AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC 1966 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM, UNDER DON HASKINS, WHO DEFEATED A POWERFUL KENTUCKY TEAM FOR THE HONOR. IN THE MOVIE, "GLORY ROAD" MR. CAGER WAS CHARACTERIZED AS ONE OF THE HEROES OF THE TEAM. WITH A DELICATE HEART AND WHAT A HEART HE HAS. WITH A DEGREE EARNED IN 1969, MR CAGER. HAS CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF MENTORING MANY UNEDUCATED AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH IN REALIZING THEIR DREAMS.

MR. CAGER STILL HAS A LOVE FOR "THE GAME" AND HAS TRANSCENDED THAT PASSION FROM THE BASKETBALL COURT INTO THE REALM OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. IN THE LAST 32 YEARS HE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY MERIT AWARD, BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAMES IN 2007 AND HAS ALSO BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS IN AN OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION AS AN INVALUABLE SERVANT TO THE CITIZENS OF EL PASO. IT IS ONLY FITTING THAT A GYMNASIUM BE NAMED AFTER SUCH A PHILANTHROPIC FIGURE AS WILLIE CAGER WHO CONTINUES TO GIVE OF HIMSELF AND FROM THE HEART.

Attach additional pages if needed. Supporting documentation is encouraged for all applications to help justify why this name should be chosen.



Suggested Name: WILLIE CAGAN GYMNASIUM @ THE PAC DRORSLE (REBORN) CENTER

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:
Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Age	Signature
✓ Amy Perez	1114 N COTTON APT 110		Amy Perez
✓ Lesley Fort	1519 N. Floren		54 Lesley Fort
✓ Augustin Tapia	1530 Mundy		29 August
✓ Maria Macanlis	1528 Mundy		31-63 MATHS
✓ CLARENCE HINES	1409 E. YARDELL		899 clovenh
✓ Maria T Aguirre	1400 N ANGE		Maria T Aguirre
✓ Christina Martinez	1309 Wyoming #1		Christina
✓ Emmanuel Elizalde	1309 WYOMING #1		Emmanuel Elizalde
✗ Todd Roney	1161 N Cotton		Todd Roney
✓ Ramon Guzman	912 N. LEE	58	Ramon Guzman
✓ Ramon Pagan	1215 ANGE	5	Ramon Pagan
✓ Luis Cordova	608 ARIZONA		Luis Cordova
✓ Sylvia Trevizo	1300 N SN VRAIN		Sylvia Trevizo
✓ Matthew Canoll	1011 N ST VRAIN		Matthew Canoll
✓ Daniel Barron	905 Activa APT 22		Daniel Barron
✓ Sergio Perez	604 E Cresto		Sergio Perez
✓ Roman Jimenez	1415 N. Brown		Roman Jimenez
✓ Jeffrey Standa	1028 WYOMING		Jeffrey Standa
✓ Brenda Zuber	1105 E. RIOGR		Brenda Zuber
✓ ENRIQUE GOMEZ	1114 ARIZONA		Enrique Gomez

Suggested Name: WILLIE GAGER Gymnasium in the PAT O'ROURKE RECREATION CENTER

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:

Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

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1.04 mile

Name	Address
Carmen Nevarez	820 Prospect
Jose Nevarez	820 Prospect
ROSIE Irene Chavez	1018 W. Missouri
Candice Bonalides Villalva	1517 Upsun
Xvonne Villalva	1032 Upsun Dr.
Pina Ortiz	629 Upsun DR
EUSTOLIA VILLALVA	1517 UPSUN DR.
Roberto Moreno	1015 Upsun Dr
Rua Reyes	25 Montana #5
Crystal Grado	329 W. Missouri Apt 18
Yvonne Salmeron	910 W. Missouri
Lesslie Chavez	809 Upsun
Daniel Marquez	418 Fewel
Alfredo Arquet	202 W California
Jatzabel Arquet	202 W. California
Luis Adams	6236 La Posta
Hugo A. Robledo	219 West California
Manuel Hernandez	1501 Mundy #9
Alfreds ARIAS	1703 Montana #
Gabriela Arriero	804 W. Missouri
Ruben Loya Jr.	1010 Cedar St #2
Constance Mc S	415 W Vandell #9

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Signature

Carmen Nevarez

Jose Nevarez

Rosie Irene Chavez

Candice Bonalides

Xvonne Villalva

Pina Ortiz

Eustolia Villalva

Roberto Moreno

Juan Reyes

Crystal Grado

Yvonne Salmeron

Lesslie Chavez

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Jatzabel Arquet

Luis Adams

Hugo A. Robledo

Manuel Hernandez

Alfredo Arias

Gabriela Arriero

Ruben Loya Jr.

Constance Mc S



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Citizen Support



Suggested Name: WILLIE CASER GYMNASIUM @ THE PAT OROURKE RECREATION CENTER

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:

Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Leticia Orozco	1223 West Main		Leticia Orozco
Maria I. Orozco	1223 W. Main		Maria I. Orozco
Juan Roman	610 Prospect		Juan Pablo Roman
Eddie Lopez	1001 Prospect St.		Eddie Lopez
Gloria Lopez	1001 Prospect		Gloria Lopez
Mayra Leyva	720 mundy #15		MAYRA LEYVA
JANETH RODRIGUEZ	720 mundy		JANETH RODRIGUEZ
JUAN LEYVA	720 MUNDY AP		Juan Leyva
Laura Leyva	720 MUNDY APT		Laura Leyva
Sergio Carr	901 MUNDY		Sergio Carr
Juan Pablo Carrero	725 OREGON		Juan Pablo Carrero
FRANK OAXACA JR	10409 Maxwell		Frank Oaxaca Jr
Octavio Collazo	101a Nevada		Octavio Collazo
Olga Carver	1019 Nevada		Olga Carver
Rocio Duran	466 steven st		Rocio Duran
Omar Reyes	415 w. Yander		Omar Reyes
Vincent Espinosa	308 E Crosby Apt 7		Vincent Espinosa
Susana Perez	1316 Randolph Dr.		Susana Perez
Aida Aguilera	329 W MISSOURI 130		Aida Aguilera
Ann Lvera	1208 W. Missouri		Ann Lvera
Julie Lvera	1208 W. Missouri		Julie Lvera



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Citizen Support



Suggested Name: WILLIE CATER GYMNASIUM @ THE PAT DIBARCA RECREATION CENTER

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:

Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

Name	Address	Phone Number	Signature
Crystal Pinedo	823 Mundy		
Enriqueta Rodriguez	823 Mundy		
Rebecca Garcia	1212 N. El Paso		
Abel Coronado	1212 N. El Paso		
MARIA SORIANO	1212 N. EL PASO		
Rosa Jimenez	629 Prospect #2		
Virginia Cordova	3113 Rivera		
Juan Jose Cordova	3113 Rivera		
Linda Ouno	534 W. Missouri #17		
Jesus Archuleta	534 Prospect		
Erin Archuleta	534 Prospect		
Jessie White	8401 Polaris		
VILCALVAZ	1037 US 50 DR		
Kathryn Navarro	712 Prospect Apt 1		
Joana Mbeias	260 Lucas		
Richard Rap	712 prospect #7		
Sandra M Uranga	220 Lawton		
KATIE VILLALBA	200 N MEADOW HILLS		
Mary Jo	610 Prospect #6		
RODRIGO NUNEZ	918 PROSPECT		
Alexandra Nunez	918 Prospect		
Olivia Sam	208 W Missouri 544 8804		



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Citizen Support



Suggested Name: Willie Carter Gymnasium @ Tule Park or Burke Recreation Center

List eligible members of the public who support the nomination:

Include name, address, telephone number and signature of fifty (50) individuals, ages 18 years or older who live within a mile radius of the park/facility.

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Citizen Support



Name	Address	Signature
Manuel Porras	1219 N. Cambell	[Signature]
OSCAR OCHOAVERENA	4111 West City Court	[Signature]
Michael Trujillo	2619 San Diego	[Signature]
Cynthia Murillo	1317 N Kansas	[Signature]
Osca Bustamante	2101 Montara	[Signature]
Clarissa Bustamante	2101 montara	[Signature]
Angel Zúñiga	710 N. Campbell	[Signature]
Jaime E. Gandara	810 W. Missouri	[Signature]
MARCELO ALVARADO	909 E. NEVADA	[Signature]
MIKE A PEREZ JR	1011 NORICE ST	[Signature]
Jesus Luna	1611 Nochoa	[Signature]
Jessie Bentesic	1735 Judith Resnick	[Signature]
JOSE GODINEZ	1016 Noble St #1	[Signature]
EDDIE DUDAN	1311 E. Yondell #3	[Signature]
Guillermo Portillo	1702 E YANDELL	[Signature]
Armando Gonzalez	Dolan st 232	[Signature]
Cesar Alvarado	1625 Rampart	[Signature]
Danny Terreros	2626 Federal	[Signature]
Jimena Gandara	810 W. Missouri	[Signature]
Ricardo Parra	1511 Couchosue	[Signature]

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**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PARK NAMING SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, August 8, 2011
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX
4:30 p.m. City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: 4

Jim Tolbert, Ralph Cloud, Fredrick Caldwell, Janet Selzer

Members Absent: 0

Member Vacancies: 0

Staff Present:

Ed Hersh, Assistant Director, Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, Lucy Calderon,
Recording Secretary

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

Jim Tolbert, Chair, called meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Agenda Item #2. Discussion and Action: Naming of Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Gymnasium at 901 N. Virginia as Willie Cager Gymnasium

Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed site and the accomplishments of Willie Cager.

Joseph Nevarez III, applicant, spoke on behalf of the Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee stating Mr. Cager's accomplishments both as a Texas Western University (UTEP) basketball player and his work with kids in sports. Mr. Nevarez III distributed a letter of recommendation from UTEP Head Coach, Tim Floyd. Mr. Cager has acknowledged the proposed recommendation of the Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee to name the Pat O'Rourke Gymnasium in his honor.

Motion by Fredrick Caldwell to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to forward a recommendation to City Council to name the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Gymnasium in honor of Willie Cager. Second by Janet Selzer. Motion passed (unanimous).

3. Agenda Item #3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Senior Secretary, Lucy Calderon



BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

August 8, 2011

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5:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX

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MINUTES

Members Present: 5

David Turner, Frederick Caldwell, James Tolbert, Janet Selzer, Ralph Cloud

Members Absent: 2

Carlos Bombach, Jennifer Barr-Ardovino

Member Vacancies: 2

Staff Present: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, Ed Hersh, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Stuart Ed, General Services Director, Joel McKnight, General Services Deputy Director, Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

1. Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order
David Turner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2011
Motion by James Tolbert to approve minutes as written. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).
3. Agenda Item #3. Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)
None
4. Agenda Item #4. Introduction: Ed Hersh, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Parks and Recreation Director Nanette Smejkal introduced Mr. Ed Hersh as the new Assistant Director, replacing Judy Weiss. Mr. Ed Hersh gave a brief overview of his experience to the Board.
5. Agenda Item #5. Parks and Recreation Calendar and Newsletter
Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director, highlighted the calendar and newsletter included in the agenda packet. She reported July was a successful and fun-filled National Parks & Recreation month. She encouraged members to review the numerous events on the Parks and Recreation Department website.
6. Agenda Item #6. Subcommittees:
 - a. Park Naming Subcommittee
 1. Discussion and Action: Naming of Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center Gymnasium at 901 N. Virginia as Willie Cager Gymnasium

Wayne Thornton, Public Relations Coordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on Willie Cager and the proposed gym site for the dedication.

Applicant representative Joseph Nevarez III spoke on behalf of the Willie Cager Gymnasium Committee endorsing the proposed naming of the gymnasium at the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center. He distributed a letter of recommendation from UTEP Head Coach Tim Floyd. (handout)

Park Naming Subcommittee Chair James Tolbert reported that the subcommittee, after reviewing the application, unanimously voted to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that the gymnasium be named Willie Cager Gymnasium.

Motion by James Tolbert to adopt the recommendation and forward to City Council to approve naming the gymnasium at the Pat O'Rourke Recreation Center located at 901 N. Virginia to Willie Cager Gymnasium. Second by Frederick Caldwell. Motion carried (unanimous).

b. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Representative Meeting Report - City Plan Commission Subcommittee for Comprehensive Plan Rewrite

Board Representative Jennifer Barr-Ardovino was absent, agenda item tabled for next Board Meeting.

7. Agenda Item #7. Discussion and Action: Subcommittee Assignments (as needed)

None.

8. Agenda Item #10. Discussion: Identify Items for Future Agendas

- General Services Report: FY12 land management budget, introduction Steve Lunsford, Park Superintendent
- Introduction Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator and Project Highlights
- Park Restrooms

9. Adjournment – 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

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