

Attachment # 4
Page 1 of 4**Leigh Davis - Re: Renaming of Capital Park**

From: Bryan Desloge
To: lewis.thurston@gmail.com
Date: 10/10/2010 3:05 PM
Subject: Re: Renaming of Capital Park
CC: Alam, Parwez; Long, Vince; Park, Tony; Plocek, Pat; Rosenzweig, Alan

Lewis, I'm digging through this mass of e-mails and realized, that although I had printed a copy of your e-mail for use in the Commission meeting, I failed to respond to you. Staff was directed to seek public input on the renaming of the park and I'm expecting this information to be brought back to us at some point in the future. In the interim, I'm passing your e-mail on to them to be included in their response. Thanks for contacting me on this and hope you're having a great weekend!

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>>> <lewis.thurston@gmail.com> 9/14/2010 12:17 AM >>>
 FROM:"Lewis <lewis.thurston@gmail.com>

Greeting,

I am the President of Capital Park Baseball League on Tram Road. I received an email today showing that a proposal was submitted to rename Capital Park. I ask that you reconsider the proposal. I have been involve with Capital Park since 1988 where I was a baseball coach. Today I am the park president and have been since 2000. Doing this time I have watched the park grow and provide many opportunity for kids to play baseball. For the kids and parents of Capital Park the name means alot. Why do we need to change this parks name? Is there a negative history associated with the name or is it just because someone thought it was a true need to wipe out the years of history. For the people that are currently involve with the fall baseball team they were shock to here of the suggested name change. The only questions I received tonight was why do the county want to change the name? I could not answer that question and now I ask you to postpone the staff recommendation option to change the park"s name. I am sure there is another way to honor these great people without changing the name of Capital Park.

Thanks
 Lewis
 President,Capital Park Baseball

Leigh Davis - Re: Name change for Capital Park

From: Bryan Desloge
To: ririmom@aol.com
Date: 10/10/2010 3:08 PM
Subject: Re: Name change for Capital Park
CC: Alam, Parwez; Long, Vince; Park, Tony; Plocek, Pat; Rosenzweig, Alan

Dorothy, I'm digging through this mass of e-mails and realized that I failed to respond to you. Staff was directed to seek public input on the renaming of the park and I'm expecting this information to be brought back to us at some point in the future. In the interim, I'm passing your e-mail on to them to be included in their response. Thanks for contacting me on this and hope you're having a great weekend!

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>>> <ririmom@aol.com> 9/14/2010 12:23 PM >>>
FROM: "Dorothy <ririmom@aol.com>

My husband played baseball at Capital Park more than 40 years ago and now our grandson is playing there. All we are asking at this time is that you postpone the vote on changing the name to allow citizens the opportunity to rally together with our own reasons for not changing it. Maybe the commission would entertain naming the field B-N-T at Capital Park to satisfy both interests.

Leigh Davis - Fwd: from mark hendrickson re: renaming of Capital Park

From: Bryan Desloge
To: Plocek, Pat
Date: 10/10/2010 12:26 PM
Subject: Fwd: from mark hendrickson re: renaming of Capital Park
CC: Alam, Parwez; Long, Vince; Park, Tony; Rosenzweig, Alan; ZDOG416@aol.com

Mark, I'm digging through this mass of e-mails and realized, that although I had this information with me when this came to a vote, I failed to respond to you. Staff was directed to seek public input on the renaming of the park and I'm expecting this information to be brought back to us at some point in the future. In the interim, I'm passing your e-mail on to them to be included in their response. Thanks for contacting me on this and hope you're having a great weekend!

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>>> <ZDOG416@aol.com> 9/14/2010 9:52 AM >>>
 Commissioner Desloge

There is an agenda item today that I am asking that you help to get deferred. It involves the renaming of Capital Park. No one who is actively involved with the baseball programs at Capital Park (basically the only activity at the park) was aware of the potential name change, and we have serious concerns about the change. This is not a racial issue, as the baseball program is predominantly African-American, as are the three persons who are proposed as the new names for the park.

This item has not been properly vetted. It was first proposed to the Commission in August. No one making the proposal has contacted anyone actively involved with the programs at Capital Park.

Capital Park has a long tradition of baseball. The three persons who are proposed as the new names for the park had nothing to do with Capital Park in general, or its baseball program. A three name park is overkill (hey, just pick one-- but not for this park), and one of the names is Nims (and we already have a school to honor that person-- and we don't want confusion between the school and the park).

We had no knowledge of this proposed change until yesterday. Please help us get this deferred.
 thanks

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This is the letter that park president Lewis Thurston wrote:

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This is the agenda item:

Title: Consideration of the Renaming of Capital Park to Beasley-Nims-Tookes Park
Staff: Parwez Alam, County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator Tony Park, P.E., Public Works Director

Issue Briefing:

At the August 17, 2010 Board meeting, Mr. Delaitre J. Hollinger provided background data and information, citing reasons to rename Capital Park "Beasley-Nims-Tookes Park" in recognition of Dr. Nickie Beasley, Mr. Harry "Nick" Nims, and Mrs. Dorothy Nash Tookes (Attachment #1). A location map of Capital Park is included as Attachment #2

In accordance with Policy No. 97-3, "Naming of County Owned Facilities, Structures, Buildings, Geographical Areas, or Other Properties," proposed names for County-owned facilities, buildings, structures, geographical areas, or other property must be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and official designation (Attachment #3).

Fiscal Impact:

This item has no fiscal impact.

Staff Recommendation:

Option #1: Approve the renaming of Capital Park to Beasley-Nims-Tookes Park.

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