



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Janet Martin, Acting Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: District 2

SUBJECT:

Naming of the Baseball Field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the naming of the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium located in Council District 2.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Anthony C. Edwards, Sr., submitted the request to name the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Stadium located at 1101 Iowa. Indicating that the naming would commemorate and recognize his invaluable contributions to the community. This would, “allow for generations to come, and stories to be told, of this great man’s love for humanity and family.”

Charles B. Shannon was a special person with a unique gift for public service. In 1970, he entered the United States Navy and served on the USS Constellation and had a tour of duty in Vietnam. Mr. Shannon was Honorably Discharged in 1973.

He was an avid baseball fan and played the sport as a youngster and coached an adult team from 1974 through 1988. Mr. Shannon was the Executive Director of the Alamo Branch YMCA from 1982 to 2001. In 2001, he was promoted to District Director over the Southern Region that covered Davis-Scott, Southwestern Bell and the Westside YMCA’s. In his more than 21 years with the YMCA, Mr. Shannon raised more than \$5 million that provided for an abundance of programming opportunities for inner-city youth. Through his leadership, he

took the Davis-Scott YMCA to be one of the top inner city YMCA's serving minorities in America.

Charles B. Shannon passed away unexpectedly on February 9, 2003, at the age of 55. There is a baseball field at Pittman Sullivan park that is unnamed. Naming the baseball field after Charles B. Shannon will honor and recognize his invaluable contributions to the community.

Staff followed the naming process in accordance with Ordinance No. 2011-03-31-0239. A committee was established to hold a public hearing on this proposal. The committee consisted of Gordon Benjamin, Community Representative selected by Councilman Alan E. Warrick, II, District 2 and Janet Martin, Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Notice of the public hearing and naming was advertised twice through the San Antonio Express-News and The Rivard Report. It was also placed on the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation website and through a general media release. Direct notification was mailed to one hundred and three (103) residents and businesses within 200 feet of this public park. The Department received fourteen (14) notices in favor of the proposed naming and one in opposition by mail.

The public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Davis-Scott Family YMCA. Fifty-Six (56) members of the public attended the public hearing and overwhelmingly supported the renaming. In addition, twenty-three (23) notices were received at the meeting in favor of the naming. During the public comments those who spoke requested the baseball field be named Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium instead of Charles B. Shannon Stadium of which the majority in attendance was in favor of the name change.

After public input was received on the proposed name, the committee concurred to recommend to the City Council that the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park be named Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium located in Council District 2.

ISSUE:

This ordinance authorizes the naming of the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium. This action is consistent with the City's policy to name a facility (or city property) to honor local leaders or persons.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may elect not to name the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium and allow it to be unnamed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no General Fund impact from this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the naming of the baseball field at Pittman-Sullivan Park to Charles B. Shannon Memorial Stadium.