



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 14, 2015**

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT **WARD: 4**

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO NAME THE GYMNASIUM AT YSMAEL VILLEGAS COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLEGAS PARK IN HONOR OF GLEN AND MARY AYALA

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is a request to name the gymnasium at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve the naming of the gymnasium at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 29, 2015, the Community Services and Youth Committee, with Chair Davis, Vice Chair Soubirous and Member Perry present, unanimously approved the naming of the gymnasium at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala.

BACKGROUND:

On August 8, 2011, the Community Services and Youth Committee considered the request to name the band shell at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala and after discussion unanimously continued the item because there was insufficient documentation and justification to move forward.

On January 30, 2015, a request to name the gymnasium at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala was received. This request was almost the same as one that was previously considered by the Park and Recreation Commission and the Community Services and Youth Committee which was to name the band shell at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala.

On April 13, 2015, the Park and Recreation Commission, with Chair Whatley; Vice Chair Johnson and Members Lyles, Negron, Venegas and Elliot present, voted 5 to 1 to table the request to name the gymnasium at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala in order to give the Ayala family time to provide sufficient documentation to support their request.

At the May 11, 2015, Park and Recreation Commission meeting, Director Cruz provided background to the naming request and informed the Commission that the Ayala family had

provided additional documentation to support their request. Eleven community members spoke in favor of the naming request. A motion was made to accept the request to name the Villegas Community Center gymnasium in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala and to forward the request to the Community Services and Youth Committee per Administrative Manual Policy Number 01.021.00: Naming of City-owned Land, Buildings and Facilities.

On May 29, 2015, after discussion, the Community Services and Youth Committee, with Chair Davis, Vice Chair Soubrouse and Member Perry present, unanimously approved the naming of the gymnasium at the Ysmael Villegas Community Center at Villegas Park in honor of Glen and Mary Ayala.

The Park Naming Resolution 18647 and Administrative Manual Policy Number 01.021.00 provide the Park and Recreation Commission with the following key guidelines:

1. Preference will be given to names relating to geographical location, historic significance or geologic features.
2. A park facility can be named for a person only in limited situations as outlined in Section 2 of Resolution 18647.
3. The Park and Recreation Commission (in its advisory capacity) are responsible for the selection of names for parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the City Council.
4. A public meeting indicating that there is significant justification and support by the community is required prior to changing the name of a park or recreation facility.

If the naming request is approved, staff will coordinate with the Ayala family to tastefully and appropriately identify and place a plaque or framed photo of Glenn and Mary Ayala inside the gymnasium in their honor without detracting from the overall esthetic and name of the Community Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is minimal cost associated with staff time to coordinate proper placement of plaque and recognition of Glen and Mary Ayala if Council approves the recommendation.

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Concurs with:



Paul Davis, Chair
Community Services and Youth Committee

Attachments:

1. Naming/Renaming Application 1-30-2015
2. Report of Community Services and Youth Committee 8-8-2011
3. Minutes of Community Services and Youth Committee 8-8-2011
4. Report of Park and Recreation Commission 4-13-2015
5. Minutes of Park and Recreation Commission 4-13-2015
6. Report of Park and Recreation Commission 5-11-2015
7. Minutes of Park and Recreation Commission 5-11-2015
8. Report of Community Services and Youth Committee 5-29-2015
9. Letters of Recommendation
10. Newspaper Articles
11. Pictures and Roster of Glen and Mary Ayala's Involvement with Community
12. Online Petition
13. Signed Petition
14. Parks Naming Resolution
15. City Facility Naming Policy