



Interoffice Memorandum

August 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

THRU: Venerria Thomas, Director
Community and Family Services Department

FROM: **Matt Suedmeyer, Manager**
Parks and Recreation Division
(407) 836-6202

SUBJECT: **Consent Agenda Item – August 22, 2023**
Park Facility Naming Request to Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field

Venerria L. Thomas

The Parks and Recreation Division built the County's first athletic field dedicated to the sport cricket in 2014 at Silver Star Park. This field was built due to the support received by one of Central Florida's first cricket league president Eric Blye. Mr. Blye began his club at Barnett Park before 1995 when the County made plans to build the Barnett Park Recreation Center and Administration Building. As a result of this new facility, Mr. Blye's Cricket Club was relocated to various locations throughout Orange County until the field at Silver Star Park was built.

The Parks and Recreation Division received a request from the Islanders Cricket Club, asking to name the pitch at Silver Star Park the Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field, Florida Cricket Conference, Home of the Islanders Cricket Club. This request was submitted to memorialize Mr. Blye upon his death on March 21, 2022. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the request at the March 9, 2023 meeting. After discussion, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to name the field the "Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field".

Orange County Administrative Regulations, Section 2.16 outlines procedures for the naming of county parks and related facilities. The Administrative Regulations require a review and recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on naming requests, with final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

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Action Requested:

Approval of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation to name the Cricket Field at Silver Star Park the Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field.

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Attachment

c: Carla Bell Johnson, AICP, Deputy County Administrator
Lavon Williams, Esq. AICP, Deputy Director, Community and Family Services
Dr. Tracy Salem, Deputy Director, Community and Family Services

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Barnett Park
4801 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32808

Thursday, March 9, 2023
12:00 pm

Attendance:

PAB Members: Joey Kratt, Patrick Panza, Eugene Stoccardo, Malika Harrison, Kelly Dudek, Carlos Morell and David Outing

Absent Members: Kelly Baumier, Madeline Almodovar, Erica Bolivar, and Donald Jones – *resigned*.

OC Staff: Matt Suedmeyer, Kyle Kent, Regina Ramos and Meghan Dawson

Visitors: Nomi Ansori, Kelly Pucci

2023 ATTENDANCE REPORT															
Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	No. Held	% Miss	Date Appt.
Patrick Panza	X	X	X										3	0%	12/13/2022
Kelly J. Dudek	A	X	X										3	33%	6/30/2023
Donald L. Jones	X	A	Resigned										2	50%	11/15/2016
Erica Bolivar	X	X	A										3	33%	8/7/2018
Joey Kratt	X	X	X										3	0%	11/14/2017
Kelly Baumier	X	X	A										3	33%	8/9/2022
Malika Harrison	X	X	X										3	0%	10/2/2020
Madeline Almodovar	X	A	A										3	66%	11/13/2018
Carlos A. Morell	X	A	X										3	33%	5/10/2022
David Outing	X	X	X										3	0%	8/6/2021
Eugene Stoccardo	X	X	X										3	0%	8/6/2021

I. Call to Order – 12:12 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance – All

II. Public Comment – Nomi Ansori the President of the Dr. Phillips Little League, discussed in detail the history of the Dr. Phillips Little League, and asked for support in the naming of the ball park, no further action was taken at this time.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Draft Meeting Minutes for the February 9, 2023 – following a brief review of the minutes, Patrick Panza made a motion to approve the draft minutes. Eugene Stoccardo seconded. Chairman Kratt called for a vote. All agreed – none opposed. Meeting Minutes approved.

IV. Site Overview – Lamont Bryant, Site Supervisor II for Barnett Park, gave an overview of the site and answered any questions specific to the park.

V. Manager's Update – (Projects, Issues & Section Updates) – Matt Suedmeyer, Division Manager

- Park Naming - Dr. Phillips Little League Complex – Discussion ensued regarding the naming of the new field. The members agreed to uphold the previous motion and present the three options for the naming of the field.
- Park Naming – Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field – Division Manager Matt Suedmeyer, provided an overview of the history of Mr. Eric Blye and his contributions in developing the sport of Cricket at the Silver Star Park in Orange County. Discussion ensued between the members as they reviewed the application. Malika Harrison made a motion to name the Cricket Field at Silver Star the Mr. Eric Blye Cricket Field excluding the Florida Cricket Conference and Home of Islanders Cricket Club. Kelly Dudek seconded. Chairman Kratt called for a vote. All agreed – none opposed.
- Matt Suedmeyer, Division Manager provided a update on the locations regarding where the Parks Advisory Board meetings will be held the remainder of the year.

VI. P & R Division Section Updates.

- Planning & Design Section – Regina Ramos, Project Manager – provided an overview of the Parks Activity Schedule and the areas in which progression was being made. Following a brief questions and answer discussion. No further action was taken.
- Operations – Kyle Kent, Assistant Manager – provided an update on the daily Operations of the Parks Division. No further action was taken

VII. Old Business – None.

VIII. New Business – None.

IX. Next Meeting Date & Location – April 13, 2023, 12:00 pm, Downey Park, 10107 Flowers Avenue, Orlando, FL 32825. PPE available upon request.

X. Meeting Adjourned – 1:07 pm

Signature: _____

Joey Kratt, District 4 Representative - Chairman

Date: _____

4/13/23