



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: February 9, 2010 REPORT NO. 101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board, Agenda of February 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Naming of a Softball Field at East Clairemont Athletic Area in Memory of Kyrstin Gemar (deceased)

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the naming of a Softball Field in memory of the late Ms. Kyrstin Gemar?

Department Recommendation – The Department does not take a position on park naming requests.

#### Other Recommendations –

- On November 18, 2009, the North Clairemont Recreation Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of naming a Softball field at East Clairemont Athletic Area after Ms. Kyrstin Gemar.
- On November 5, 2009, the Clairemont Girls' Fastpitch Softball League voted to recommend the naming of the Softball field at East Clairemont as the "Kyrstin Gemar Memorial Field."
- On February 3, 2010, the Community Parks I Division Area Committee voted (11-0) recommending approval of naming the Softball field in memory of Ms. Kyrstin Gemar.

Fiscal Impact – None with this action. The signage (8' x 4') will be paid for and maintained by the Clairemont Girls' Fastpitch Softball League.

### BACKGROUND

Ms. Gemar played girls softball at East Clairemont Athletic Area from 1993 to 2002 and was a volunteer coach from 2003 to 2007. While playing for the Clairemont Bobby Sox league (now the Clairemont Girls' Fastpitch Softball League, she earned a place on the 2000 All-Star team. She also played on several traveling softball teams during summer breaks. She played Junior Varsity softball her freshman year at Clairemont High and made varsity her sophomore year, where she held the varsity home run record for the

2003 season. After graduating from Clairemont High School, she played two years at Grossmont College, where she earned Most Valuable Player status and helped Grossmont take the conference both years. After Grossmont college, she received a softball scholarship to play at Dickinson State University (DSU), where she played the 2009 season and helped the team reach third place in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Championship and tied Jody Lantz (of DSU) for the most home runs in any NAIA National Softball Tournament. Kyrstin enjoyed music and cooking for her teammates. She tragically died in a car accident along with two other Dickinson State University students. Kyrstin was the only child of Lenny and Claire Gemar, who were active parent volunteers for the league.

#### DISCUSSION

The quality and quantity of Ms. Gemar's contributions are worthy of recognition and remembrance. Her commitment to the sport of women's softball, as well as her volunteer service to other young players serve as a role model for youth in the Clairemont community.

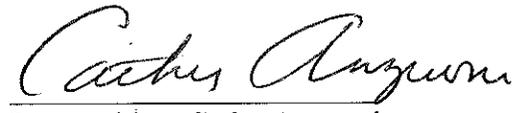
The naming of the field in honor of Kyrstin Gemar is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001, "Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities" (copy attached).

#### ALTERNATIVE

Do not approve the naming of the field in honor of Kyrstin Gemar.

Respectfully submitted,

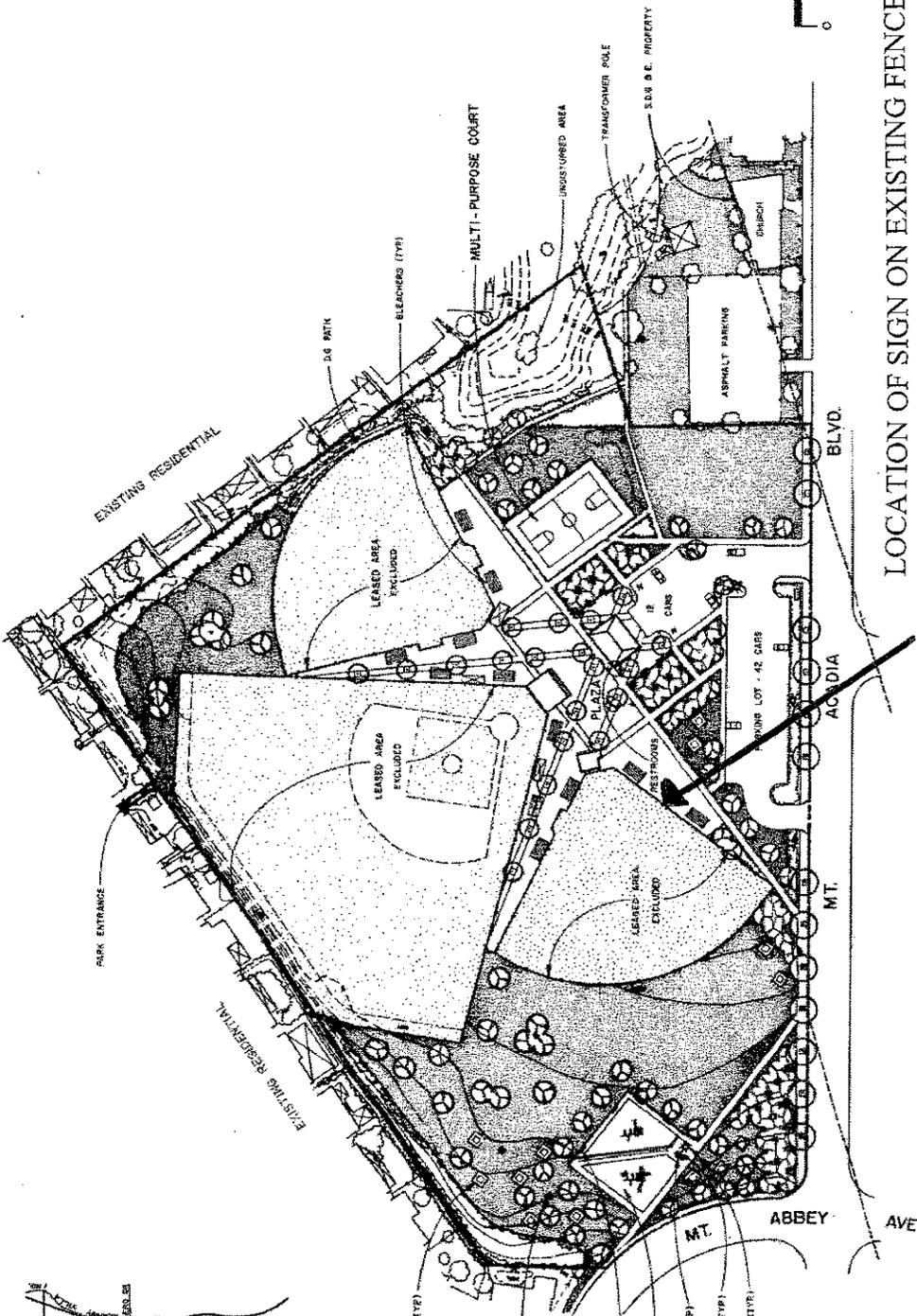
  
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Attachments: 1. Location Map-East Clairemont Athletic Area  
2. Park and Recreation Board Policy #1001 – Naming of Parks  
And Recreation Facilities

cc: Council District 6 Office



LOCATION OF SIGN ON EXISTING FENCE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
 THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
**EAST CLAIREMONT ATHLETIC AREA**  
 COUNCIL DIST. NO. 6 COMA PLAN AREA: CLAIREMONT, MEER - 5  
 COORDINATES: 232-1713 THOMAS BRCS PG. 83, 4.3  
 P.S.D. NO. 432

IMPROVEMENTS SUMMARY (DATA FROM AS BUILT DRAWINGS)

ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
TOTAL SITE	8,888	ASPH. DRIVE	90,780	SECURITY SIGN	2	ASPH. DRIVE	2
IMPROVED AREA	2,922	PAVEMENT	81,800	PAVEMENT SIGN	1	PAVEMENT SIGN	1
CONCRETE	0.0	CONCRETE	1,880	CONCRETE SIGN	1	CONCRETE SIGN	1
WOOD	2.45	WOOD	25.0	WOOD SIGN	1	WOOD SIGN	1
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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY

- SUBJECT:** Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities
- BACKGROUND:** The public sometimes suggests that parks and recreation facilities be named after persons, living or dead.
- PURPOSE:** To provide a systematic procedure for the naming of parks and recreation facilities which will assist in their location by the citizenry; and to develop a method for the retention of names of historical or fiscal significance.
- POLICY:** As a general policy, parks and recreation facilities should be named to identify their locations. Especially for parks, the name of the community area, the names of nearby geographic features, the names of adjacent schools and street names should be given first consideration. However, they may also be named for individuals, living or dead, who are of historical significance to the local area or who have made major financial contributions in the opinion of the appropriate Recreation Councils and/or other advisory bodies, Board committees and the full Board. Facilities within parks, (such as buildings, gyms, courts, etc.) are more appropriate for naming after individuals than are parks.
- Renaming a facility for a person, when that facility is already named for a person, should only be undertaken with the utmost consideration. Every attempt should be made to contact the person or heirs of the person for whom the facility is currently named, to present their views verbally, or in writing, at a public hearing.
- PROCEDURE:** The Recreation Council effected by the proposed name change, shall hold a public hearing to review the request and the supporting documents and information, and shall make recommendations to the Area Committees and the Park and Recreation Board on any and all recommended changes to the renaming of existing facilities.
- SUBSTANTIATION:** Park and Recreation Board Minutes of 6/16/83 (page 2469)  
Park and Recreation Board Minutes of November 15, 2001 (page 4).