



# REPORT

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

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DATE ISSUED: July 13, 2023

REPORT NO.: 101

ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board  
Agenda of July 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Proposed renaming of Mountain View Community Park to Neal Petties  
Mountain View Community Park

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Parks and Recreation Board recommend approval of the proposed renaming of Mountain View Community Park to Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park?

Department Recommendation – Existing City policy indicates that the Department does not take a position on facility naming requests.

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed renaming; Mountain View Community Recreation Group (Attachment A), and Southeast Planning Group (Attachment B). Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

Fiscal Impact – No impact to the General Fund.

Water and Energy Conservation Status – The proposed would not have an impact on any water and energy conservation guidelines contained in Council Policy 200-14.

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Impact – No Impact.

Strategic/Tactical Equity Plan Impact – No Impact.

Environmental – No Impact.

### BACKGROUND

Mountain View Community Park was dedicated in 1914. It is 14.80 acres and contains a recreation center with a gymnasium, multiple outdoor sports courts, a field house, comfort station, and gazebos. It is located in the southeastern section of the City of San Diego. It is bordered by Mount Hope, and Greenwood Memorial Park on the north, Interstate 15 and the neighborhoods of Stockton and Logan Heights on the west, Interstate 805 and Lincoln Park on the east, and Southcrest and National City on the south. Major thoroughfares include Imperial Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard.

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DISCUSSION

City Council Policy 900-20 address the Naming of City Assets (Attachment C)

1. Location
2. Significant Events, People and Places
3. Outstanding Individuals
4. Major Donations

Category 3 states that this category is designed to acknowledge individuals who have made substantial contributions to benefit the City, local community, park and recreation system, or public library.

Neil Petties attended San Diego High School, then San Diego City College, going on to play football for San Diego State University (SDSU) Aztecs. He was later drafted into the National Football League (NFL) by the Baltimore Colts. After a successful career in the NFL, Mr. Petties returned to San Diego and worked as a City employee in the Parks and Recreation Department in the 1970's and 1980's serving youth at Mountain View Community Park. He was seen as a positive influence on the youth in the community and acted as a mentor to many. In 2006, he was inducted into the SDSU Aztecs Hall of Fame. On January 16, 2023, Mr. Petties was honored with a lifetime achievement award during a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event at the World Beat Cultural Center in Balboa Park.

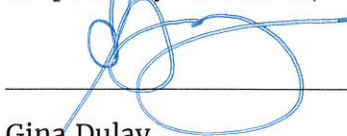
On February 13, 2023, the Southeastern Planning Group voted to rename Mountain View Community Park to Neil Petties Mountain View Community Park (Attachment B).

On May 19, 2023, Mountain View Community Recreation Group voted to rename Mountain View Community Park to Neil Petties Mountain View Community Park (Attachment A).

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the proposed renaming of Mountain View Community Park to Neal Petties Mountain View Community Park.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s): A. Mountain View Community Recreation Group May 19, 2023, meeting minutes

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- B. Southeastern Planning Group February 13, 2023, meeting minutes**
  - C. Council Policy 900-20 - Naming of City Assets**
  - D. Mountain View Community Park General Development Plan**
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