



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: September 11, 2023

REPORT NO.: 101

ATTENTION: Parks and Recreation Board
Agenda of September 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Naming Southcrest Community Park Ball Field to Shelley Curtis White Field

SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board recommend approval of naming the ball field at Southcrest Community Park to Shelley Curtis White Field

Department Recommendation – Recommend approval of naming the ball field at Southcrest Community Park to Shelley Curtis White Field

Other Recommendations – The following groups have reviewed and considered the proposed project. Actions taken and recommendations made by these groups are listed under Discussion below.

Southcrest Community Recreation Group voted unanimously to approve the naming of the Southcrest Community Park ball field to Shelley Curtis White Field on August 18, 2023

Southeastern Planning Group agreed to draft a letter of support for the naming of Southcrest Community Park ball field to Shelley Curtis White Field at their July 10, 2023 meeting

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

Southcrest Community Park was acquired by the City in 1949 and dedicated in 1975. The community park is 17.61 acres and contains a recreation center, comfort station, teen center,

playground, outdoor hardcourts, and a ball field. The recreation center was recently upgraded with solar panels through a grant opportunity managed by the Sustainability and Mobility Department. The recreation center is located within the Southeastern Planning Group boundary and is at the intersection of Alpha Street and South 40th.

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.

Mr. White was a Korean War veteran who relished teaching people about Buffalo Soldiers' contributions to the U.S. military. Mr. White led a distinguished career as a Little League umpire for more than 60 years, inaugurated into San Diego's Hall of Champions in 2006. His tireless dedication to Southeastern Little League and commitment to neighborhood youth inspired hundreds of children to remain positive through life's challenges. His steady presence, intervention, and dedicated mentorship promoted growth and stability to many.

Through his participating in little league, Mr. White helped hundreds of children develop fundamental life skills as a little league umpire by teaching them essential teamwork, communication, and leadership lessons. He emphasized the importance of following rules, being fair, making decisions based on facts, which instilled the seeds of responsibility and accountability, dealing with adversity and criticism, and feeling confident.

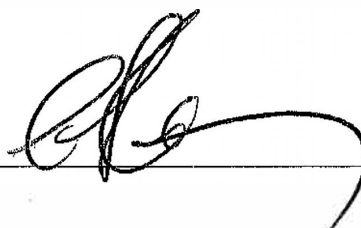
On July 10, 2023 the Southeastern Planning Group agreed to draft a letter of support for the naming of Southcrest Community Park ball field to Shelley Curtis White Field.

On August 8, 2023 the Southcrest Community Recreation Group voted unanimously to name the Southcrest Community Park ball field to Shelley Curtis White Field.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the naming of Southcrest Community Park ball field to Shelley Curtis White Field.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment(s): Council Policy 900-20
Southcrest Community Park Meeting Minutes
Southeastern Planning Group Letter of Support

cc: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Council District 8 Office