

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

To: THE CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE  
OCTOBER 3, 1990

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL NAMING OF 6-BASIN AND THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council concur in the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission that the G-Basin be named in honor of Ed DeBenedetti, former Parks and Recreation Director, and that the Parks and Recreation Administration Building be named in honor of the late David J. Reese, long-time member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Parks and Recreation Commission has adopted a policy for recommending to the City Council the naming or renaming of parks, recreation facilities and parks features. A copy of that policy is attached (Exhibit A). In accordance with that policy, the Commission is recommending that two City parks and recreation facilities be named by the City Council as noted above.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has for some time been very interested in taking action to honor these two individuals who served the City for so many years. A copy of the Parks and Recreation Director's memo in this regard is attached (Exhibit B).

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Peterson  
City Manager

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Attachments

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

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**Subject: Naming of Parks, Recreation Facilities, and Parks Features**

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**I. OBJECTIVE**

- A. To establish a **uniform** policy and procedure regarding the naming of parks, recreation facilities, and parks features.
- B. To facilitate the **prompt** naming of such facilities so they will be readily identified and will reflect on the history and geography of our local **community**.
- C. To encourage public participation in the naming of such facilities, and as **well the** dedication of land or funds by individuals or groups for public use who wish to perpetuate a name of their choice.

**II. POLICY**

- A. Neighborhood parks adjacent to public schools shall be named similarly.
- B. Neighborhood parks not adjacent to schools, major parks, recreation facilities, and special features within parks such as playgrounds, picnic areas, sports fields, structures, groves of trees, etc. may be named for the following:
  - 1. Geographic features, such as adjacent streets, neighborhoods, plants or trees, lakes or rivers, etc.
  - 2. Events or persons of historical significance.
  - 3. Individuals or organizations of local significance bearing a relationship to the City of Lodi or its parks and recreation system. Generally this relationship is noted by outstanding and unusual contributions to the **community** in terms of leadership, involvement, or substantial and significant donations of land and/or funds.

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**III. PROCEDURE**

- A. The City Manager shall direct the Parks and Recreation Director to solicit potential names for a new City park, recreation facility, or park feature or to rename such.**
- B. The Parks and Recreation Director shall relay this request to the Parks and Recreation Commission and jointly determine the appropriate means of soliciting public input in naming the facility. Such may include advertising in a local newspaper, inviting citizens to participate in a naming contest, or convening an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of various sectors of the community.**
- C. The Parks and Recreation Director shall receive these written suggestions and refer a master list of proposed names to the Parks and Recreation Commission following the deadline for submissions.**
- D. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall review the proposed names and the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall then recommend the name deemed most appropriate and forward this recommendation to the City Council for final consideration, along with a listing of all suggestions submitted.**

**EXHIBIT B**

Lodi Parks and Recreation Department  
125 N Stockton St., Lodi, CA 95240  
333-6742 or 333-6744 Field/Facility Conditions

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Tom Peterson, City Manager ✓

**FROM:** Ron Williamson, Parks and Recreation Director *RW*

**DATE:** September 14, 1990

**SUBJECT-** NAMING CITY FACILITIES FOR DE BENEDETTI AND REESE

Per our conversation on September 13, 1990, the Lodi Parks and Recreation Commission requests approval from you and the City council to name G-Basin Park Ed DeBenedetti Park and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 125 North Stockton Street, after David J. Reese.

Both of these gentlemen served Lodi well for over 40 years. Ed, of course, was our Parks and Recreation Director and David served as a Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission and dealt with the many facets of the Parks and Recreation Department, its facilities, programs and policies the Commission had input in.

Your review and action on this matter would be greatly appreciated by all.

RW/lm

cc: Parks and Recreation Commission  
Marilyn Field  
Scott Essin

RESOLUTION NO. 90-157

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
CONCURRING IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION IN THE OFFICIAL NAMING OF G-BASIN AND THE PARKS  
AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

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WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission has adopted a policy for recommending to the City Council the naming or renaming of parks, recreation facilities and parks features;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby concurs in the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission that the G-Basin be named in honor of Ed DeBenedetti, former Parks and Recreation Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby concurs in the recommendation that the Parks and Recreation Administration Building be named in honor of the late David S. Reese, long-time member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Dated: October 3, 1990

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 90-157 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held October 3, 1990 by the following vote:

- Ayes : Council Members - Hinchman, Olson, Pinkerton, Reid and Snider (Mayor)
- Noes: Council Members - None
- Absent: Council Members - None

*Alice M. Reimche*  
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City Clerk