



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Director

FROM: Barbara Nugent, Director
Park Services Division

DATE: May 21, 2015

Agenda

**Park Services and Golf Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

Boardroom – Herrity Building

Chairman: Michael Thompson, Jr.

Vice Chair: Edward R. Batten, Sr.

Members: Linwood Gorham, Grace H. Wolf, Kala Leggett Quintana

1. Naming of Amphitheater at Lee District Park (*This item will go to the board for action on May 27, 2015*) – Action*
2. Take Twelve Steps for Health Update/Healthy Vending Initiative – Information*

*Enclosures



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ACTION

Naming of the Amphitheater at Lee District Park in Honor of Leonadus K. Plenty (Lee District)

ISSUE:

Approval to name the amphitheater at Lee District Park in honor of Leonadus K. Plenty, who retired from the Fairfax County Park Authority on December 11, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the naming of the amphitheater at Lee District Park in honor of Leonadus K. Plenty, who retired from the Fairfax County Park Authority on December 11, 2014.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on May 27, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2001, the amphitheater was renovated, increasing the size of the stage to 5,100 sq. ft., adding stage lights, a dressing room, and a storage room. The seating area was also improved adding lights and increasing capacity to 250 people. A paved path and an 800 sq. ft. viewing area were added to provide access to individuals with disabilities.

Leonadus K. Plenty worked for the Park Authority for 32 years, working at seven RECenters culminating in his work as General Manager at Lee District RECenter, a position he held since 1982. He played an instrumental role in the renaissance of Lee District Park and RECenter facilitating renovations and expansion, improved operations, and is a person well-regarded in the community. He played an influential role in the development of the Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park including Our Special Harbor, Chessie's Big Backyard, as well as the successful community concert and performance series.

In honor of his leadership and support, it is recommended that the amphitheater at Lee District Park be renamed "The Leon Plenty Amphitheater ".

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs to post signage designating the amphitheater "The Leon Plenty Amphitheater ".

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Policy 104 - Naming of Parks and Facilities

STAFF:

Kirk Kincannon, Director

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director/CBD

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INFORMATION (with presentation)

Take Twelve Steps for Health Update/Healthy Vending Initiative

Staff will present an update of the Park Authority's *Take Twelve Steps for Health* wellness initiative. Launched in 2010, *Take Twelve Steps for Health* was developed to offer free wellness information to the community. A calendar was designed to provide monthly wellness prompts along with tips and resources to promote healthy living habits. Staff will update the board on the growth and expansion of the program. Program enhancements including e-newsletters, free workshops, partnerships, and special events help us increase awareness and participation in the program. In addition staff will update the Board on our healthy vending initiative, progress to date and future plans to expand healthy vending options to all RECenters.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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