



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

M E M O R A N D U M



TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Timothy K. White, Acting Director

FROM: Todd Johnson, Director
Park Operations Division

DATE: October 18, 2007

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Agenda

Park Operations Committee
Wednesday, October 24, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Room – Herrity Building
Chairman: William G. Bouie

1. Approval – Naming of an Athletic Field Honoring Everett G. Germain, Jr. – Action*
2. Approval – Naming of a Trail Honoring John McAnaw – Action*
3. Approval – Naming of Patriot Park Field in Honor of Supervisor Elaine McConnell – Action*

*Enclosures



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Board Agenda Item
October 24, 2007

ACTION

Approval – Naming of an Athletic Field Honoring Everett G. Germain, Jr. (Mason District)

ISSUE:

Naming of athletic field 4 at Mason District Park in honor of Everett G. Germain, Jr.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Director recommends that the Park Authority Board approve the naming of field 4 at Mason District Park in honor of Everett G. Germain, Jr.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on October 24, 2007, as the field naming has been scheduled, pending Park Authority Board approval, for November 10.

BACKGROUND:

Everett G. Germain, Jr. passed away on May 11, 2006, at the age of 75. Everett has a long and storied history of, commitment to, and support for youth and adult sports programs locally, regionally, and nationally. In 1959 he founded the Annandale Boys and Girls Club (ABGC) and served as its President for 47 years. At the time it was established, ABGC offered several opportunities for the youth of the area to participate in sports, such as football, baseball, basketball, wrestling and more. Everett is known by many in the Washington, D. C. area as the “Father of Youth Soccer” for his efforts in establishing the ABGC soccer program in 1962, as well as for playing an instrumental part in the creation of soccer programs in Montgomery County, Lee-Mount Vernon, Sterling, Alexandria, Reston, and Washington, D.C. These are only a few of the many achievements and contributions that Everett made in his lifetime for the citizens of Fairfax County. The naming of field 4 at Mason District Park is a well-deserved tribute and is a meaningful way of honoring and remembering him.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Park Authority staff will construct, install and maintain the sign.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Letter to Todd Johnson, Park Operations Division Director, from Rodger Melchiori

Attachment 2: Brief biography of Everett G. Germain, Jr.

Attachment 3: Aerial image of Mason District Park

Attachment 4: Policy 106 – Naming of Parks

STAFF:

Timothy K. White, Acting Director

Cindy Messinger, Acting Deputy Director/COO

Todd Johnson, Director, Park Operations Division

July 25, 2007

Todd Johnson
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Fairfax County Park Authority
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RE: EVERETT G. GERMAIN, JR., FIELD

Dear Todd,

I wanted to follow up from our recent conversation regarding the process of having a park or field named after Everett Germain. As you are aware I had begun the process back in May 2006 shortly after Everett's passing and am hoping we can get this completed as I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Everett Germain to be honored with a field in his name.

Everett Germain is perhaps the most influential person in the development of youth sports in Fairfax County and the Washington metro area. Everett devoted his entire adult life to the advancement of youth sports in the county.

I am confident that you will agree with me after reading the attached biography below as posted on the Virginia Youth Soccer Association website. I speak for literally thousands of people who Everett touched through his tireless devotion to the youth of the county. As Everett is considered the father of youth soccer in the County and in fact the entire Metro area, it would be fitting to have a soccer complex named after him.

Everett's biography speaks for itself. The vibrant sports community that the County enjoys today can be traced back to the efforts of Everett.

Some of the highlights of Everett's career advancing youth sports in the county:

- Founded the Annandale Boy's & Girl's club in 1959 and served as President for 47 years.
- The first to institute a mandatory program requiring that in it's "house league" that "Every Boy is guaranteed to play ½ of every game regardless of his size or physical ability" in order to insure participation and growth of every child, a program which is customarily adopted by many clubs to this day
- He also adopted a policy that "No child would be denied participation for lack of funds"
- Known as the "father of youth soccer" starting the program in 1962. As the Annandale program grew Everett was instrumental in the creation of other well

known clubs such as Montgomery Soccer in MD, Lee-Mt Vernon, Sterling, Alexandria, Reston, and in Washington, DC so that Annandale would have teams to play.

- Founding member of the Washington area Girls Soccer League or WAGS and the National Capital Soccer League or NCSL.
- 1970, he founded high school club soccer programs in Northern Virginia. He later lobbied for varsity status for boys' and girls' soccer programs in Fairfax County high schools. Soon after, he
- Founded and funded 10 college club programs in Virginia including, most notably, Division 1 Virginia Tech, UVA, James Madison, William & Mary, Radford and others.
- Inaugural inductee in the VA-DC Soccer Hall of Fame in 2001.

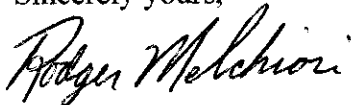
In speaking with the Germain's I realize that you had originally offered to name the new synthetic turf field after Everett only to find out that the field was previously named after another gentleman.

The Germain's would be honored to have the back field at Mason District Park, named Everett G. Germain, Jr. Field in his memory. In fact the Annandale Boy's & Girl's club would be more than willing to help improve the back field at Mason District and turn it into a premier playing field for the county.

Please keep me informed of the progress, as I would like to make this happen prior to the fall season.

Thanks again for your help and per your instructions I am sending a copy of this letter to Tim White, Frank Vajda and Richard Maple.

Sincerely yours,



Rodger Melchiori (703) 216-5780 rmelchiori@cox.net

Cc: Timothy White, Frank S. Vajda, and Richard Maple



Everett Grant Germain, Jr. (May 5, 1931 – May 11, 2006)

Attorney and Founder/President of 47 year old Annandale Boys' & Girls' Club and the loving and devoted son of Everett Grant Germain and Alice Doughty and brother to William Smith of Lowell, MA.

Everett was a sports fanatic from early childhood. Active in the Boys Club of Greater Washington and the Eastern Boys Club in Washington, DC, he was a DC Golden-Gloves Champion boxer in his teens and a quarterback on his youth football teams. He graduated from Eastern High School in Washington, DC and attended Virginia Tech as an Air Force Cadet in the Corp of Cadets, played quarterback on the football team and graduated in 1953 with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

As an officer in the US Air Force, then Lieutenant Germain was stationed in Rome, NY at the Griffiss Air Force Base. He met his life's love, Lois McCann while in Rome and married May 19, 1956. They moved to Annandale, VA, joined St Michael's Catholic Church and became active parishioners. He received his honorable discharge from the US Air Force Reserves as Captain Germain 5 years later.

Everett earned his Law Degree from the George Washington University Law School where he was elected President of the Student Bar Association in 1958. He later partnered in a small law firm and soon after decided to enter private practice in Annandale, VA just two doors down from where his practice would remain. He was elected President of the Annandale Junior Chamber of Commerce and was extremely active in his community with many projects throughout his life.

In 1959, he founded The Annandale Boys' Club where he served as the only President for 47 years offering youth football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, and more. He began out of his home and expanded it to his law office in Annandale so he could focus and later devote his life to youth sports, his legacy today. Everett expanded youth sports in Northern Virginia and was the first of any club to institute a mandatory program requiring that in the "house league" that "Every child is guaranteed to play ½ of every game regardless of size or physical ability" in order to insure participation and growth of every child, a program which is customarily adopted by many clubs to this day. He also adopted a policy that "No child would be denied participation for lack of funds". Affectionately referred to as "Papa Bulldog", he and the Annandale "Bulldogs" football program was the first success in Annandale and grew to be a revered competitor to other clubs in the area winning their fair share of titles.

Everett is known as the "Father of Youth Soccer" in the Washington Metropolitan area. He started the soccer program in Annandale in 1962 with four teams. Since there was no other program or competition in the area, the teams played amongst themselves. Soon, the search for competition spawned the "Travel Soccer Program" as we know it today out of a need to travel first to Baltimore, then Philadelphia, NJ, NY, and into Canada and Mexico to find worthy competition as the club and the skills grew.

The Annandale Boys' and Girls' Club grew to be the largest youth soccer program in the country (presumably the world) at one time. The ABGC captured numerous national titles and international trophies from North America and Europe and yielded numerous athletes into the professional ranks both domestically and internationally. Everett and the ABGC are well known nationally and internationally in soccer circles, to his credit. He was instrumental in the creation of other well known clubs such as Montgomery Soccer in MD, Lee-Mt Vernon, Sterling, Alexandria, Reston, and in Washington, DC.

In 1963 he moved his family to Lake Barcroft in Falls Church, VA where his wife Lois still resides. He was active in community clubs and theater and well known, liked and respected by his neighbors. He moved to St Anthony's Parish where he was an usher. Active in the political environment, he ran for delegate in Fairfax County while balancing his law practice, community involvement, six children and the growth of the Club at the same time.

Also in 1963, he was responsible for altering the sport of Baseball. Born from an old radiator hose and some scrap plywood, the first "T" was created in the Washington area for what we know as "Tee-Ball".

Through the years he continued to pioneer new programs. The concept of "billeting" (housing traveling soccer teams in the home town team's homes) became a popular way to defer costs to travel to tournaments he helped establish and enabled many new and lasting relationships for many players, coaches and parents from clubs all over the continent, and the world. In 1971 he formed and managed a professional soccer team in Washington which played in the American Soccer league and traveled in an old converted Bible Baptist school bus. Later he upgraded to a diesel charter bus to travel throughout the USA, Mexico and Canada.

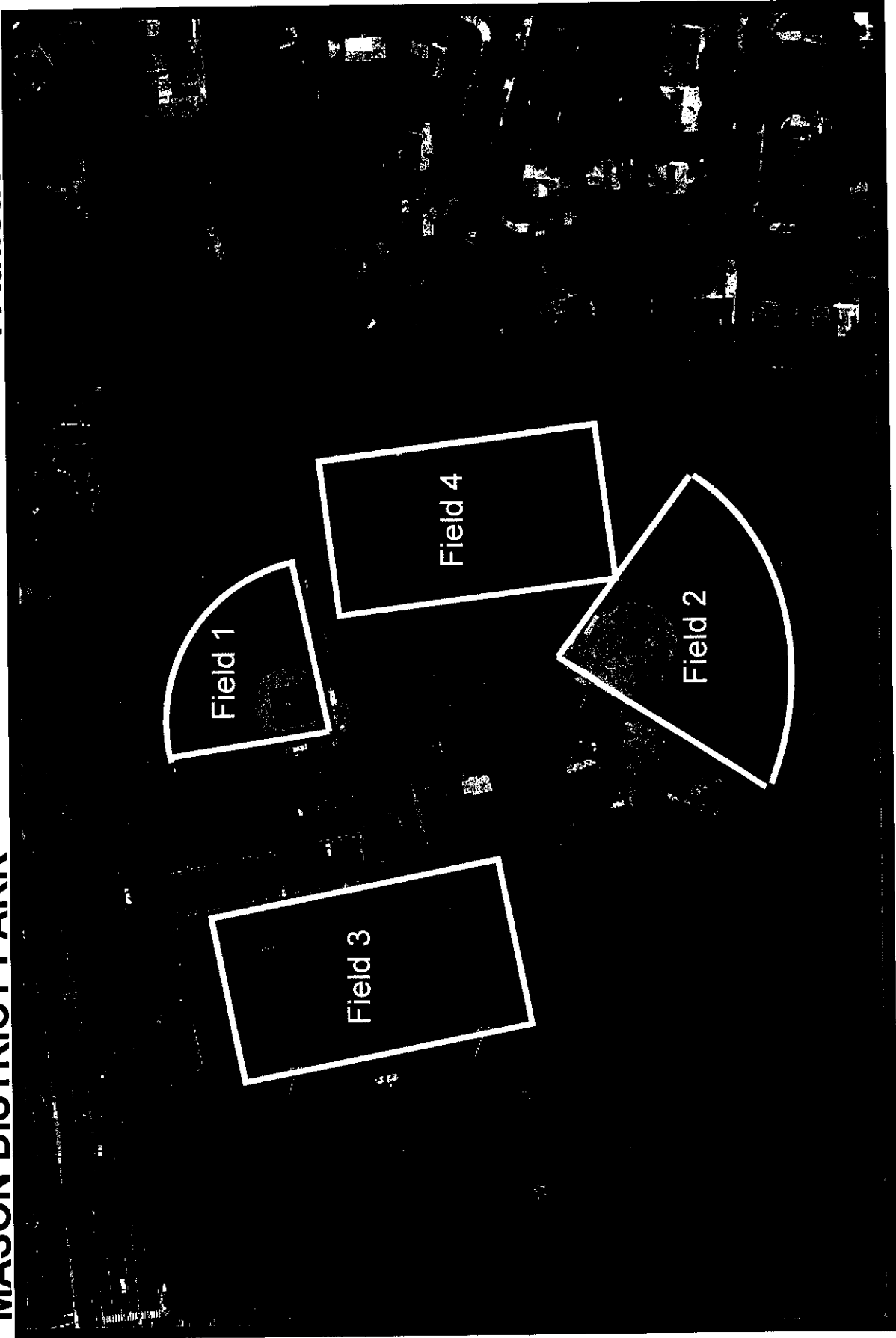
By 1970, he founded high school club soccer programs in Northern Virginia. He successfully lobbied for varsity status for boys' and girls' soccer programs in Fairfax County high schools. Soon after, he founded and funded 10 women's college club programs in Virginia including, most notably, Division I Virginia Tech, UVA, James Madison, William & Mary, Radford and others. He founded the first Club Apprenticeship Program, modeled after the British system, which immersed players in professional level soccer training while maintaining a college curriculum. As if that wasn't enough, he later founded and grew other adult soccer teams who brought home numerous titles and three National Championships of their own. As two of his sons moved into the professional ranks, he became active and known within the North American Soccer league and in Britain and enjoyed relationships with many noted international players and coaches. In 1978, he was invited to Seoul, Korea as an Ambassador of Soccer with the Washington Diplomats. He was a member of The National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Secretary of the Metro-DC VA Soccer Association, and an inaugural inductee in the Virginia-DC Soccer Hall of Fame in 2001.

An active Rotarian in later years with the Bailey's Crossroads Rotary Club in Falls Church, VA, he was a regular at the Friday morning meetings and participated in numerous community programs and events and attended just about all of the functions with Rotary both domestically and internationally. He loved to travel and made many a trip with his wife and life companion Lois and enjoyed many quiet weekends at the beach with his kids, their spouses and 17 grandchildren, and dear friends.

He is survived by Lois, his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, and his children; Kip, his spouse Ann and their kids- Kimberly, Brian and Kelly; Kevin, his spouse Jan and their kids- Shaun, Christopher, Erin and Brittany; Betsy, her spouse John Cary and their kids- Megan, Melissa, Bonnie and Brenda; Julie, her spouse Jeff Thompson and their kids;- Jennalee, Jamie and Jason; Greg, his spouse Suzy and their kids- Katie, Sarah and Billy; and his son Rusty.

MASON DISTRICT PARK

4 Athletic Fields



LEGEND: Area 2-Mason Supervisory District

Policy 106 Naming of Parks

As a general policy, parks shall be named in accordance with geographical, historical or ecological features indigenous to the park site or to the immediate vicinity of the site. Parks may be named for an individual under the following conditions:

- a. Where the individual has made a significant gift of land to the Authority, or
- b. In memoriam for an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Fairfax County park system.

Recreational facilities or resource management areas within a park may be named for a corporation or an individual, living or deceased, who:

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- c. Has made a significant contribution to the betterment of a specific park, consistent with the established criteria and standards for the designated park classification.

In support of this policy, nominations for naming parks, recreational facilities or resource management areas shall be evaluated on the basis of the above criteria and upon appropriate documentation.

Revised and adopted October 28, 1998

Board Agenda Item
November 14, 2007

ACTION

Approval – Naming of a Trail Honoring John McAnaw (Braddock District)

ISSUE:

Naming of a trail at Royal Lake Park in honor of John McAnaw.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Director recommends that the Park Authority Board approve the naming of a trail at Royal Lake Park in honor of John McAnaw.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on November 14, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

For over two decades John McAnaw has made many valuable contributions to the care and maintenance of the trails and parks around Royal Lake. Royal Lake is surrounded by four parks: Royal Lake, Pohick Stream Valley, Lakeside and Kings Park West. He has served as the Chairman of the Parks and Lakes Committee for the Kings Park West Civic Association for over 20 years. In that time, he has recruited and led local community members, church groups, Boy Scout troops, Girl Scout troops, and other organizations in the care of the parks around the lake. In addition to his many efforts and accomplishments with the trails, John has also organized efforts to remove debris from the parks after storms, prune along the trails, protect trees from beaver damage, repair erosion and improve drainage, remove trash and establish park clean-up days in the spring and the fall. The section of trail that is being named for John runs from the parking lot at Royal Lake Park to the west end of the Royal Lake Dam. The naming of this portion of the trail at Royal Lake Park is a very well deserved tribute and is a meaningful way of honoring John McAnaw and his tireless efforts.

Park Authority Board member Winnie Shapiro and Board of Supervisor member Sharon Bulova are in support of this request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Park Authority staff will construct, install and maintain the sign.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Letter to Sharon Bulova, Braddock District Supervisor, from Anthony Vellucci, President of the Kings Park West Civic Association, dated September 1, 2007

Attachment 2: Policy 106 – Naming of Parks

STAFF:

Timothy K. White, Acting Director
Cindy Messinger, Acting Deputy Director/COO
Todd Johnson, Director, Park Operations Division

Kings Park West Civic Association, Inc.

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Fairfax, Virginia 22039

01 September 2007

Supervisor Sharon Bulova
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Burke, VA 22015

Dear Supervisor Bulova,

This letter kindly requests your office investigate the possibility of recognizing an individual in the Kings Park West community – Mr. John McAnaw – for his two decades of tireless devotion and commitment to Royal Lake, and its adjoining park and valley stream-lands, by trail the

John has served as Chairman of the Parks & Lake Committee, Kings Park West Civic Association, for over two decades. During that time he has worked tirelessly to protect the area's natural beauty while making it accessible to the community. He has been remarkably successful, too. The work John has done for the park, and the path that circles Royal Lake in particular, is hard to appreciate without knowing the effort he has committed to this endeavor. The park is an important element in the quality of life that not only Kings Park West residents enjoy, but also those of many other Fairfax County developments such as Rolling Woods Estates, LakePointe, Glen Cove, etc.

It is not hard to find a part of the path where John's impact is not visible. John's many accomplishments include close communication and coordination with county representatives about tasks and jobs - down to the size of the gravel needed to complete certain projects, organizing and overseeing efforts to clean up trash; reinforcing eroded hills and shoreline; raising areas of the trail that are prone to flooding; channeling floodwaters into appropriate drains and channels; pruning branches that grew into the path; protecting stands of trees from a colony of beavers, etc. He also organizes extra-ordinary efforts as needed such as cleaning up and repairing the park and trails after major storms. In short, he has done a lot. The result? The well-maintained path affords wonderful views of Royal Lake as it winds through the trees, and is used by scores each day.

Another of John's unseen accomplishments has been his mobilization of the broader community to support Royal Lake. He has recruited and guided Kings Park West residents, local church groups, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and many other organizations to support Royal Lake. Each year, he directs spring and fall volunteer community cleanup operations to address basic maintenance needs and special projects. Many of these projects have been quite

challenging and have earned Eagle Scout or Gold Awards for key participants. Many residents have lauded his oversight and appreciate his contribution to their children's growth.

In addition to his work for the park and trails, John is a veteran who has supported and led numerous volunteer organizations. As an officer in the U.S. Army, John served two combat tours during the Vietnam War. In 2002 he was presented the Ohio Medal of Valor and inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame. He served in key posts in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization, including Commander of VFW Post 8469, Fairfax Station, Virginia, and Legislative Chairman for the VFW in Virginia. The groups within which he has held leadership positions include: the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT), the American Legion, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), and various citizens initiatives.

John McAnaw is exactly the type of person we as a community should recognize and honor. Naming the path that circles Royal Lake in his honor is a fitting recognition. I trust that we can find a way to recognize his contributions to Royal Lake and its adjoining park and valley streamlands. As we discussed some time ago, there is a part of the current trail which is named in honor of Ron Craven for his many years of support to the community's Boy Scouts. I am not sure if that extends to the entire trail, or only to that area of the trail that extends from the bridge by the soccer fields to the bridge by the end of Chatsworth Court.

All too often, we have honored the sacrifices and contributions of our leading citizens after they are no longer able to enjoy the recognition of their community, e.g., Ron Craven and Kurt Wusterbarth. This initiative seeks to change that.

Please contact me if any questions. Thank you for your time regarding this community matter.

Sincerely,



Anthony Vellucci
President
Kings Pak West Civic Association, Inc.

CC: Ms. Winnie Shapiro / Mr. John Harris

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Board Agenda Item
November 14, 2007

ACTION -

Approval - Naming of Patriot Park Field in Honor of Supervisor Elaine McConnell
(Springfield District)

ISSUE:

Approval to name a Patriot Park Field in honor of Elaine McConnell.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Acting Director recommends approval for the naming of a field at Patriot Park in honor of Supervisor Elaine McConnell.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on November 14, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

Supervisor Elaine McConnell and her family have lived in the West Springfield area since 1961. First elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1983, Mrs. McConnell is now completing her sixth term as Springfield District Supervisor.

Supervisor McConnell has always worked to improve Fairfax County's quality public services including park facilities and services. She worked to obtain critical transportation funding for Old Keene Mill Road and the Fairfax County Parkway, and she continues to work to improve educational and recreational opportunities for our youth. She has been a staunch supporter of lighting for athletic fields, transfer of land to the Fairfax County Park Authority, and park bonds.

Supervisor McConnell has been a great advocate and friend to the Park Authority. She was instrumental in the acquisition of the Patriot Park property, which was purchased in 2001 and 2002 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, the George Mason University Foundation and private owners for approximately \$1.3 million.

Park Authority Board member Ken Feng initiated and is in support of this request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Park Authority staff will construct, install and maintain the sign.

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ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Policy 106 - Naming of Parks

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Timothy K. White, Acting Director

Cindy Messinger, Acting Deputy Director/COO

Todd Johnson, Director, Park Operations Division

Dave Bowden, Director, Planning and Development Division

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