

City of Las Cruces[®]

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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 17

Ordinance/Resolution# 12-126

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of January 17, 2012
(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE MESILLA PARK COMMUNITY CENTER IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR FRANK O'BRIEN PAPAN.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To approve naming the Mesilla Park Community Center, Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Mark Johnston <i>MD</i>	<u>Department/Section:</u> Parks & Recreation	<u>Phone:</u> 541-2550
<u>City Manager Signature:</u> <i>[Signature]</i>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

During the City Council Work Session on August 8, 2011 representatives from the downtown community recommended that the City recognize the late Senator Frank O'Brien Papan by naming a public space or facility in his honor. The recommendation cited the impacts the late Senator had on the downtown, business community and the City as a whole.

In accordance with City Manager Policy 3.6, Naming of City of Las Cruces Facilities, the naming or renaming of parks and or recreation facilities must be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Board). At their regular meeting held on September 15, 2011, the Board discussed several issues concerning the naming of the future plaza in the downtown area. The Board recommended that an alternative location be selected. At their regular meeting held on November 17, 2011, the Board recommended that the Mesilla Park Community Center be named in honor of the late Senator Frank O'Brien Papan.

Signage naming the community center the Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center will be installed on the building at the main entrance.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Attachment "A", Draft minutes from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held November 17, 2011.
3. Attachment "B", City Manager Policy 3.6, Naming of City of Las Cruces Facilities.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the Fund.	
Does this action create any revenue?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: in the amount of \$_____ for FY__.
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Funding for the purchase of signage is identified in the Parks Maintenance Operational budget.

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
Parks Maintenance	10383050-722190	\$1,000	\$26,010	\$25,010	Contracted services

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will approve the naming of Mesilla Park Community Center in honor of late Senator Frank O'Brien Papen.
2. Vote "No"; this will not approve naming the Mesilla Park Community Center in honor of late Senator Frank O'Brien Papen.
3. Vote to "Amend"; and suggest other location(s) that may include other park properties or an area on Main Street in the Downtown Mall.
4. Vote to "Table"; and provide staff with further direction.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

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WHEREAS, in accordance with City Manager Policy 3.6, Naming of City of Las Cruces Facilities, the naming or renaming of parks and or recreation facilities must be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting of November 17, 2011, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sent forward a recommendation for City Council action to name the Mesilla Park Community Center in honor of the late Senator; and

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of signage is identified in the current FY11/12 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the Mesilla Park Community Center will be named Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center in honor of the late Senator.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima:	_____
Councillor Silva:	_____
Councillor Smith:	_____
Councillor Pedroza:	_____
Councillor Small:	_____
Councillor Sorg:	_____
Councillor Thomas:	_____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2011**

1 The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on November 17, 2011, at
2 City Hall, 700 Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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4 **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

5 Mr. Isaac Chavez, Board Chair, Mr. Ron Camunez Board
6 Vice-Chair, Mr. Eli Guzman, Mr. Mark O'Neill, Ms. Alice
7 Ward, Mr. Wayne Hancock, Ms. Dawn Rue

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9 **ABSENT:** NONE

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11 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Director, Ms.
12 Carol Conners-Lyons, Executive Administrative Assistant
13 and Advisory Board Recording Secretary, Mr. Rudy Trevino,
14 Parks District Manager, and Mr. Robert Nunez, Parks
15 Programs Supervisor.

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17 Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Chavez, and he recognized the
18 meeting as having a legal quorum.

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20 **I. Introductions**

21 Board Members introduced themselves and stated the district they represent.

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23 **II. Conflict of Interest**

24 None

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26 **III. Approval of Minutes**

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28 Mr. Camunez moved to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2011 Parks and
29 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, and Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The Parks
30 and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Notes from September 18, 2011 were
31 approved with various corrections, additions and deletions as set forth by Mr.
32 Camunez. Motion passed 7-0.

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34 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES
35 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES
36 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES
37 Mr. Wayne Hancock voted YES

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39 **IV. Public Comment**

40 None

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42 **V. New Business**

43 A. *Park Named for the late Sen. Frank O'Brien Papen*-----ACTION

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2 Mr. Chavez advised that when they met two months ago on September 15, 2011 that
3 this item was discussed. He drafted a letter which was forwarded to the City Manager,
4 and the item was stopped at the City Manager level. The Board has now been asked
5 to review it again and send forward a positive solution. The City Council has not been
6 abreast of this yet. Is that correct?

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8 Mr. Johnston stated 'that is correct' and advised that as the Chair recited history to us,
9 the Board was not fond of placing the name of Senator Papen in the downtown area of
10 the plaza. He advised that he did take that forward as a Council Resolution, and it did
11 make it to the Assistant City Manager level. He was told to go back to the Board and
12 ask for further direction, perhaps another park or another site would be more in tune
13 with the Board's wishes. Therefore, at this point, we have provided a list of parks
14 spaces that don't have formal names.

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16 Mr. Chavez stated that he has a suggestion, because the one that caught his attention
17 was Mesilla Park Center. He stated that we have the Henry Benavidez Center, and
18 Mr. Benavidez represented that district. When you think of Mesilla, you think of Old
19 Mesilla and Mesilla Park Elementary, and it would be nice to distinguish this center
20 which would hold more honor than just a park for this type of gentleman. Having a
21 center named for him would be better than having a park named for him.

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23 Ms. Ward stated that it is unless you grew up in Mesilla Park and went to Mesilla Park
24 School, and then it is very meaningful.

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26 Mr. O'Neill asked if we were trying to find a location close to the downtown.

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28 Mr. Chavez stated 'not necessarily'. Mr. Chavez stated that when he was in office,
29 Mesilla Park was his district, and his family still lives in that area. Mr. Papen built the
30 Wells Fargo Towers – that was his bank, and he made his business downtown.
31 Naming Mesilla Park after him would be fine, and you would have a better chance with
32 this succeeding with the City Council rather than naming one of the smaller parks that
33 had no connection to him. The City Council would overrule us and ignore us.
34 Whereas, if the Board sends something reasonable, it would probably go farther with
35 Council. He stated that he is open for suggestions.

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37 Mr. Camunez stated that he would like to hear from Ms. Ward, because it is her district.

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39 Ms. Ward stated that she agrees with Mr. Chavez, because there are two (2) or three
40 (3) other parks in the area that are nice parks but very small. However, if it is possible
41 to do the center, that would be her choice also.

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43 Mr. Chavez stated that perhaps the Board can go further and give the Council up to
44 three (3) choices and state that Mesilla Park is the Board's first choice. That way if
45 there is opposition to the center, then they would have a park to choose from.

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1 Mr. Johnston stated that for clarity, we are talking about Mesilla Park Community
2 Center, the building itself, but not the park---is that correct?

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4 Mr. Chavez stated, 'yes'. It would be changed the Frank O Papen Center.

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6 Mr. Johnston stated that he would be prepared to take that forward to Council.

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8 Mr. Chavez asked if the Board should offer an alternative.

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10 Mr. Johnston stated that if the Board believes strongly that this is the route to go, then,
11 the Board should move forward. If the Council does not agree with us, they will let me
12 know.

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14 Mr. Chavez asked for a motion.

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16 Mr. Camunez made the motion that the Board submit to the City Council that the
17 current Mesilla Park Community Center be named in honor of the late Frank O. Papen
18 Sr.. Ms. Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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20 Mr. Mark O'Neill voted YES Mr. Ron Camunez voted YES

21 Mr. Isaac Chavez voted YES Mr. Eli Guzman voted YES

22 Ms. Alice Ward voted YES Ms. Dawn Rue voted YES

23 Mr. Wayne Hancock voted YES

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26 **ADJOURNMENT**

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28 With no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM

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Carol Conners-Lyons, Recording Secretary

Isaac Chavez, Chair P&R Board



City of Las Cruces

CMP #3.6 Effective Date: 11/6/00 Resolution 29-256 Revised:
Subject: NAMING OF CITY OF LAS CRUCES FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

To set forth the process for employees and/or residents recommending names for a City of Las Cruces facility. This policy does not apply to artist sculptures approved by or commissioned by the Las Cruces City Council.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the City Council that the City Council, by a majority vote of four or more members at a formal Council meeting, will have the authority to name or rename any City-owned facility, structure or park located within the City limits.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Requests for naming of any facility may be submitted by any individual or group, whether or not that individual or group is associated with or has use of the specific facility.
- B. Requests will be submitted in writing to the City Manager and will include:
1. A dated petition containing the legible printed names, written signatures, street addresses and telephone numbers of those individuals supporting the submitted name for a facility.
 2. A written statement indicating why the petitioners believe a particular facility should be named or renamed the suggested name.
 3. If the petition is submitted by a City Department, the petition must be forwarded through the chain-of-command to the City Manager.
- C. The City Manager will submit a copy of the petition to the City Council with a copy to the City Clerk. Following receipt, the City Councilors will:
1. Indicate that they would consider hearing the matter at a Public Hearing at which time the petitioners can present their request in person.
 2. Indicate they do not believe the recommendation should be considered by the City Council.
- D. Upon receipt of a consensus direction to proceed from the City Council, the City Manager will:

1. Notify the petitioners in writing that the City Council has determined that a Public Hearing should be held on the matter, at which time they will hear the pros and cons of naming or renaming the facility.
2. Request that staff make appropriate arrangements for and publicly advertise the Public Hearing.

E. Upon receipt of a consensus direction not to proceed from the City Council, the City Manager will so notify the petitioners and the City Clerk.

IV. GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTAL OF PETITION

A. A "Request for Facility Naming" form must be completed and submitted with the petition. Forms are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 200 N. Church.

B. The proposed name will be checked by staff to assure that it does not duplicate or conflict with an existing or prior name of any facility.

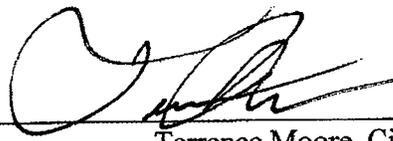
C. The proposed name will be checked to assure that it comports with proper grammar and punctuation and is not subject to misinterpretation.

D. Requests for naming or renaming of parks and/or recreation facilities must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, which will determine if the request should be forwarded to the City Council.

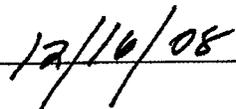
E. The City Council may, by a majority vote of four or more members at a formal Council meeting, name any City-owned facility regardless of whether or not a petition has been submitted.

V. SIGNS

A. All signs affixed to or installed on City-owned facilities will be placed upon such facilities by City personnel and will meet the appropriate guidelines for such signage.



Terrence Moore, City Manager



Date

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Councillor Thomas:	_____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney