

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burleson City Council

From: Dalan Walker, Senior Park Planner

Date: November 2, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing and consideration of R-1163-09, officially naming the Chisenhall Youth Sports Complex at 500 Hidden Creek Parkway.

Council Action Requested:

1. Open the public hearing; and
2. Close the public hearing; and
3. Approve Resolution R-1163-09 officially naming the park at 500 Hidden Creek Parkway "Chisenhall Fields".

Background Information:

At the October 19, 2009, City Council meeting, the Policy for Naming Municipal Facilities was adopted. This new policy requires that a 10 day notice of a public hearing be conducted prior to Council consideration of a name for a city facility. This notification has been completed. While construction has continued at Chisenhall Park unabated an official name is required for the contractor to begin ordering identification signage.

Regarding the name Chisenhall, according to information obtained from a genealogy website, the family:

"moved to Burleson in 1900 and bought a 230 acre farm about two miles south of Burleson which remains in the family (part of this land was sold to the City of Burleson for a park which bears the Chisenhall name). The Chisenhalls also purchased land and built a home around 1901 at the corner of Bransom and Renfro Streets. That home was lived in for two separate periods of several years each by two of the grandsons, Winston Francis Taylor and his family, and Jack Chisenhall Taylor and his family. In 1964 it was moved to make room for the Burleson Post Office, and still is being lived in at 225 South Warren."

As Council may recall, Jack Chisenhall Taylor served as Mayor of Burleson from 1960-1962. According to the City's records, the property was purchased by the City from the Chisenhall family in 1978. At the time of purchase, the City received a letter from Winston F. Taylor and Jack C. Taylor accepting the offer of \$86,000 and closing with: "...we hope that you will give consideration to the name 'Chisenhall Park'". At the November 21, 1978 City Council meeting, motion was made by Scott Butler and seconded by Dennis Barabas to name the new municipal park land "Chisenhall Park" contingent upon closing of the sale by December 10, 1978. Motion passed unanimously with Mike Arnold absent.

Should Council prefer an alternative name, staff recommends this issue be referred back to the City Council's Community Services Committee for further discussion and development of an alternative name to be recommended to the City Council at a future date.

Board/Citizen Input:

At their meeting on October 14, 2009, the City Council's Community Facilities Work Group voted to recommend the name "Chisenhall Fields" to the City Council.

Financial Considerations:

Our architect informs us that if the City were to change the name of the park to something that could retain the "CF" such as Chisenhall Fields (in lieu of Chisenhall Farm), the range in fee would be \$5,000 to \$7,500 in order to redesign locations where the full name (formerly "Chisenhall Farms") is used.

If the name change is something completely different, the scope would have to change dramatically to reformat the field markers, directional and other signage; the fee could increase substantially to \$20,000-\$25,000. These are redesign costs only. Production/construction (which has not occurred) costs will be minimally affected.

Attachments:

- (1) Mock-up of Aluminum Panel at Main Entry.
- (2) Resolution R-1163-09 officially naming park.

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Attachment 1 – Mock-up of Aluminum Panel at Main Entry



**Resolution
R-1163-09**

Whereas, the Burleson City Council adopted R-1162-09, the "Policy for Naming Municipal Property", at the October 19, 2009 council meeting; and

Whereas, said Policy contains criteria and guidelines for naming of Municipal Property; and

Whereas, all criteria set forth in the policy has been followed in the naming of this property; and

Now, therefore, the City of Burleson City Council does hereby resolve that:

Section 1

In May 2007, the citizens of Burleson approved a capital improvement bond election for the construction of certain park and recreation improvements. Chief among them was the creation of a new athletic complex to be constructed at Chisenhall Park. As construction for this improvement is well underway and expected to open for play in 2010, it is now incumbent upon the Council to officially name the park.

Section 2

The property located at 500 Hidden Creek Parkway is officially named Chisenhall Fields.

Passed and Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Ken Shetter, Mayor

Attest:

Amanda McCrory, City Secretary