



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

#17-57 - Authorizing the Renaming of the Woody Woodman Teen Center to the Ike Woody Woodman Recreation Center

SUBMITTED BY:

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FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: N/A

Unencumbered Balance: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to rename the facility to the "Ike Woody Woodman Recreation Center."

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

In the early 2000's the Black Gold Recreation Hall, located adjacent to the elementary school, was demolished. Prior to that time, the Recreation Hall was utilized for all of the recreation staff offices and as a hub for child, youth and adult activities. The Teen Center was the venue for all teen activities. Once The Recreation Hall was gone, the Recreation staff and administrative staff were placed at multiple, different facilities. Programs for kids and adults were greatly diminished due to lack of facility options.

Over the last ten years there has been a continued decline in the use of the Woody Woodman Teen Center by teen user groups. We believe that much of this can be attributed to the increase in social media, computer usage, the internet, and smart phones. Also, without having a facility to foster child and youth activities, we are unable to develop "feeder programs" which involve younger kids in activities who could later transition into teen programs.

These are just a couple of the reasons why the facility is frequently vacant of users. Programs offered to teens are not well attended, yet the younger age groups and adults alike are yearning for a facility that can offer a multitude of programs for their age range. Currently, the Teen Center has been remodeled to accommodate all of the recreation staff offices with the exception of the PRCS director. Now that the staff is available on-site, the use of the Teen Center must evolve to accommodate the needs and desires of our community as a whole. By renaming this facility the Ike "Woody" Woodman Recreation Center, it would open up the opportunity to provide a broader spectrum of programming

and allow the Parks & Recreation Department to develop activities appropriate for all ages.

On Tuesday December 12th, 2017 the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to change the name to the Woody Woodman Recreation Center. Following the completion of the vote, Commissioner Mike Britt asked if we would keep Mr. Woodman's first name of Ike in the facility name. All other commissioners concurred and therefore, the Parks & Recreation Department would like the Council's support in changing the name from, Ike "Woody" Woodman Teen Center to the Ike "Woody" Woodman Recreation Center.