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Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Report
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Consent Item 3.

Naming the Baseball Field at Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Memorial Field

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Location: District 7, Represented by Councilmember Jennings

Recommendation: Pass a **Motion** forwarding a recommendation to Council to approve the naming of the baseball field at Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as 'Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Memorial Field.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Memorial Field Location Map
- 3-Kenneith and Tillie Scotland Memorial Field Photo
- 4-Mayor Steinberg - Letter of Support

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment (Department) recommends approving the naming of the baseball field #5 at the intersection of Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as the “Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field.”

William Land Regional Park is an existing 115.27-acre regional park located at 3800 Land Park Drive in the Land Park neighborhood (District 7). Existing Park amenities include baseball/softball fields, an Adventure Play Area, an amphitheater, basketball court, golf course, jogging path, lakes, picnic areas, restrooms, a rock garden, soccer fields, village green, and a wading pool. Baseball field #5 at the intersection of Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue, is part of six, non-lighted, baseball/softball fields. The current named baseball fields in William Land Regional Park include Doc Oliver Field, Nick Culjis Sr. Field, and Duarte Field. The Scotland Family has selected one unnamed baseball field at the intersection of Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue to be named the “Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field.”

Kenneth “Ken” George Scotland and Matilda “Tillie” Jeanette Scotland lived in Sacramento for almost

nine decades until their passing. Ken was born on July 25, 1912, and graduated from Sacramento High School in 1931. Tillie was born in October 23, 1914, and graduated from Sacramento High School in 1933. They married in 1938 and built their house one block north of William Land Park. Ken and Tillie are the parents of Suzanna Anderson of Ross, California, and Arthur G. Scotland, a retired justice of the 3rd District Court of Appeals in Sacramento. Ken and Tillie were actively involved in a variety of organizations dedicated to serving children and families in the local community. Both devoted their time towards volunteerism and community service. Ken was called “The Mayor of 11th Street” and helped organize the neighborhood’s special events, such as fireworks on the Fourth of July.

After serving as an officer in the United States Army during World War II, Ken returned to Sacramento where he continued to serve the local community, including founding the Sacramento 20-30 Club (now known as 20-30 International), a service organization of men and women who have a passion for improving the lives of children in their communities through hands-on work and fundraising. Ken served as the Treasurer of the Sacramento Symphonic Youth Band, the President of the Sacramento Association of Life Underwriters, the President of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Sacramento Army-Navy Club. Tillie worked for the California State Board of Equalization in Sacramento and then volunteered with the Los Ninos Service League of the Sacramento Children’s Home, an organization providing care to the Sacramento region’s most vulnerable children and families. She also became a charter member of the 20-30ette Club and was an active member in the Ljubica Club, a Croatian social group.

In the 1950s, Ken and Tillie devoted many hours to the Land Park Little League, which played on the baseball diamonds in William Land Regional Park. Ken served as a Land Park Little League coach and then the President of the Land Park Little League, while Tillie led fundraising efforts to support the Land Park Little League. Ken and Tillie Scotland lived in their house, located one block north of William Land Regional Park, from 1939 until their passing in the early 2000s. The baseball park served as a gathering place for family celebrations over the six decades.

With the naming of the baseball field at Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as, “Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field,” the recognition aims to honor their significant involvement in and contributions to Sacramento’s youth, parks, and local culture.

Policy Considerations: On February 26, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 2008-112, establishing a Facility Naming Policy. The policy contains guidance when naming facilities or portions of facilities. One of the guiding policies encourages facilities to be named for individuals or families that have contributed substantially to the community or facility, especially a deserving local individual or family.

Providing parks and recreation facilities is consistent with the City’s strategic plan to enhance livability in Sacramento’s neighborhoods by expanding park, recreation, and trail facilities throughout

the City. In addition to gathering spaces, parks and their amenities can provide several different benefits that serve as a strong foundation for the mental and physical health of both children and adults.

Economic Impacts: The cost of a field naming sign and plaque will be funded through a donation agreement.

Environmental Considerations: The proposed project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. The project consists of the naming of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

Sustainability: Not Applicable.

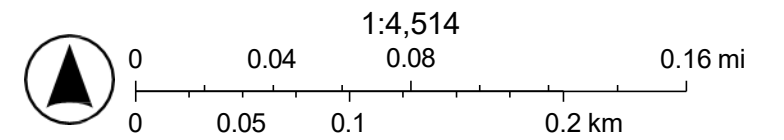
Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Naming the baseball field at Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as “Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field” is consistent with the City’s Facility Naming Policy. The policy allows for facilities to be named for historical significance, distinct developmental features, neighborhood, community, or access streets, or an individual who has contributed substantially to the community or the facility (especially for a deserving local individual).

Financial Considerations: The costs for the field naming sign and plaque will be funded through a one-time donation which also includes funding for renovation and maintenance of the baseball field.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.

Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field Location Map



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Kenneth and Tillie Scotland Field Photo



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Dear Director Beecham,

It is with great excitement that I write in support of renaming the baseball field at the intersection of Land Park and 15th Avenue “Kenneth & Tillie Scotland Field.”

Parks are often the heart of our neighborhoods- providing spaces for residents to recreate together, access green spaces, and ultimately contribute to the overall health of our community. Renaming this park is an opportunity to highlight Land Park’s history and uplift the Scotland family’s commitment to service in our City.

In the 1950’s, Kenneth and Matilda “Tillie” Scotland devoted many of their free hours to the Land Park Little League, in which the teams played on the baseball diamonds in this park. Kenneth served as a Land Park Little League coach and then later as the President of the Land Park Little League. During that same time, Matilda led fundraising efforts to support the Land Park Little League as well.

Upon returning to Sacramento after serving as an officer in the United States Army during World War II, Mr. Scotland spent his time serving the local community. This sense of duty took the form of founding the Sacramento 20-30 Club to improve the lives of children in their communities, serving as both the Treasurer of the Sacramento Symphonic Youth Band, the President of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Sacramento Army-Navy Club. During this time, Mrs. Scotland volunteered with the Los Ninos Service League of the Sacramento Children’s Home.

The Scotland’s lived their entire married life, from 1939 until their passing in the early 2000’s, in a house they had built one block north of William Land Park on 11th Street between 10th Avenue and Teneighth Way. The baseball park served as the gathering place for family celebrations over the six decades.

To fittingly honor their significant involvement in and contributions to Sacramento’s youth, including the Land Park Little League in William Land Park, I write in support of the petition to name the baseball field at the intersection of Land Park Drive and 15th Avenue as the “Kenneth & Tillie Scotland Field.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Darrell Steinberg'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darrell Steinberg, Mayor
City of Sacramento