Thursday, May 17, 2007

Parks and Recreation RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 9

Subject: Approve the naming of the Boggy Creek Pavilion located at 808 Nile Street adjacent to the Conley - Guerrero Senior Center to the "Conley Pavilion".

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

The Parks and Recreation Department received a request to name the newly constructed Boggy Creek Pavilion which initiated a 90 day naming process. Five applications were received. The Parks and Recreation Board held a public hearing and recommended that the pavilion be named the "Conley Pavilion" in honor of Ms. Onie B. Conley.

Ms. Conley, born in the 1920's, has a long history of making numerous contributions to Austin's park systems including being instrumental in advocating for the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, which sits adjacent to the new pavilion. Ms. Conley was an African-American teacher at Kealing School for forty-three years and a strong neighborhood leader. Ms. Conley is well known for her community work including leading such causes of helping to improve East Austin neighborhoods with new streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters as well as championing causes for the senior community. The elected officials in the Austin area selected Ms. Conley to be a representative to the White House Conference on the Aging. Other community work included working with non-profit groups such as the Girl Scouts of America, American Red Cross, Holy Cross Hospital, and the George Washington Carver library and museum.