

**RESOLUTION NO. 20051103-038**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks was a legendary trumpet player who was born in Austin, Texas on June 21, 1936; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks came from a musical family that included his father (a trombone player), his aunt (a piano and voice teacher) and two uncles (one who played trumpet and one who played trombone); and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks attended Old Anderson High School and played in the school band under the direction of Mr. B.L. Joyce, like his father and so many other legendary Austin musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks developed an interest in jazz listening to the Dr. Hepcap radio show and to the news and musical interludes at the Harlem Theater; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks moved from Austin to California in 1953 after finishing high school to study music and to launch his musical career; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks performed and/or recorded with many great jazz, blues and rhythm & blues artists such as Ray Charles, Duke Ellington,

James Brown, Dizzy Gillespie, Dexter Gordon, Lionel Hampton, Sun Ra, Archie Shepp, Freddie King and B.B. King; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks was a member of the original Motown Record Session Players and the Motown Revue, was a member of the house band of the Apollo Theater for many years, and performed as part of several Broadway and off-Broadway productions; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks returned to Austin in 1988, played with many local bands such as the East Side Band, Texas Trumpets, the Creative Opportunity Orchestra, and the Jazz Pharoahs as well as having led his own bands from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks served as a music instructor to many young people in Austin and often visited schools to perform and to discuss music as part of his involvement with the Austin Jazz Workshop and Red Salmon Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Banks' stellar musical career has brought much renown and respect to the Live Music Capital of the World; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The Austin City Council names the pavilion at Givens Park and Recreation Center for Martin Banks, a true Austin legend.

This resolution furnishes the criteria and procedures for the naming of the facility authorized by Section 14-1-33(I) of the City Code.

**ADOPTED:** November 03, 2005

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk