

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 21, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Renaming Ball Diamond in McCarty Park to "David Christiansen Softball Diamond"

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

Request to rename ball diamond #1 in McCarty Park to "David Christiansen Softball Diamond".

**POLICY**

MCGO 47.37

- (1) "... This policy establishes the criteria and process to rename an existing Milwaukee County Park, parkway, or park facility. ..."

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	47.37 Park re-naming
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

**BACKGROUND**

David E. Christiansen was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1946 and spent his childhood growing up in Milwaukee. Mr. Christiansen spent over 30 years as a social studies teacher, baseball and basketball coach at Milwaukee Marshall High School. He continued his work in sports after his retirement, playing senior softball, officiating both softball and basketball games, including the head umpire for the Milwaukee Classic Wounded Warrior Tournament. Mr. Christiansen spent over 30 years as a social studies teacher, baseball and basketball coach at Milwaukee Marshall High School.

In honor of the dedication that Mr. Christiansen has demonstrated to athletics in Milwaukee, naming a softball diamond at McCarthy Park after him would be an appropriate gesture to commemorate all of his contributions to sports within the community. A member of the community has proposed naming the softball diamond #1 located at McCarty Park the "David Christiansen Softball Diamond".

The community member followed the process described in MCGO 47.37 for re-naming park assets. Milwaukee County Parks has reviewed the application, confirmed support from the local County Supervisor, and is now presenting this for consideration of the Milwaukee County Board.



Related File No's:	
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government – supporting community-led efforts to honor the legacies of community leaders.
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

None

### **TERMS**

None

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

None

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### **APPROVED BY:**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution

Fiscal Note

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