

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** February 11, 2020

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**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

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**From:** Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager  
William L. Royston, Recreation and Parks Director

**Council Action Requested:**  
Resolution Naming the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center The Minnie Lee Davis Harris Recreation Center

**Strategic Focus Area:** Livable Neighborhoods  
**Strategic Objective:** No  
**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No  
**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The Recreation and Parks Commission, at its February 4, 2020 meeting, received a request from Council Member Annette Scippio, East Ward, to name the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center after Mrs. Minnie Lee Davis Harris. This request was unanimously approved by the Recreation and Parks Commission at their February 4, 2020 meeting. Please see the attached letter.

Mrs. Minnie Lee Davis Harris began working for the Winston-Salem Recreation department in 1948. In 1950 Mrs. Harris became the first African American female Recreation Center Director in the department. She worked at Skyland Recreation Center for 20 years before transferring to the new 14<sup>th</sup> Street Center built in 1967. She continued to work as a Recreation Center Director until she retired in 1971. Throughout the years, Mrs. Harris instilled quality values and expectations in the lives of thousands of children and adults she worked with.

As required by the City Council adopted policy on naming of City-Owned buildings and facilities, the advisory body overseeing the facility, in this case the Recreation and Parks Commission supports a resolution recommending the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center be renamed “The Minnie Lee Davis Harris Recreation Center”.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	CDHGG 2/11/2020	<b>Action</b>	Approval
<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	

**Remarks:**