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Council Member, Southeast Ward
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Mr. William Royston
Recreation and Parks Director
City of Winston-Salem
P.O. Box 2511
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Dear Mr. William Royston:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation to the Recreation and Parks Commission to name the Quarry Park in the Southeast Ward after retired director, Mr. Timothy A. Grant. I feel it would be a proper way to honor his 19 years of service to the citizens of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Grant began his position as the Director for the Recreation and Parks Department August of 2003. This was historical as it was the first time that an African American held this position. Mr. Grant held that position for 13 years in addition to serving as District Recreation Supervisor for 6 years. Mr. Grant led the department through the most significant expansion in facilities in more than a generation.

During Mr. Grant's tenure with the City of Winston-Salem I would like to mention a few of his accomplishments.

- Built the first skate park in 2016 at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds
- Built 22 new playgrounds into the park system
- Expanded the parks system acreage by 241.9 acres
- Awarded the 1999 City of Winston-Salem Employee Excellence Award for Staff Support
- Awarded the 2013 City of Winston-Salem Employee Excellence Award for Leadership
- Created the WePLAY slogan for the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department

The 228-acre Quarry Park project was a vision of Mr. Grant's that began with individual conversations in 2006. He kept the vision and conversation going with citizens, city staff, commission members and elected officials. In 2015, Mr. Grant's vision became a reality with construction groundbreaking of Quarry Park.

I hope that you will look upon this request favorably and that it is presented in his esteemed honor. Upon approval by the commission, I know it must be presented to the Winston-Salem City Council for final approval.

Sincerely,

James Taylor, Jr.
Chair, Public Safety
Council Member, Southeast Ward