

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: August 10, 2021

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

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
William L. Royston Recreation Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution to Name Quarry Park in Honor of former Recreation and Parks Director, Mr. Timothy A. Grant (Southeast Ward)

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 May 4, 2021 meeting, received a request from Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward, to name Quarry Park in honor of former Recreation and Parks Director, Mr. Timothy A. Grant.

In total, Mr. Grant served the citizens of Winston-Salem for 19 years. His journey began as District Recreation Supervisor and, in 2003, he became the first African American Recreation Director. He led the department through the most significant expansion in facilities in more than a generation. Some of his notable accomplishments include:

- 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
- Created the WePLAY slogan for the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department

Committee Action:

Committee CDHGG 8/10/2021 **Action** Approval

For Unanimous **Against**

Remarks:

In 1999, Mr. Grant received the City of Winston-Salem's Employee Excellence Award for Staff Support. He was also awarded the City of Winston-Salem's Employee Excellence Award for Leadership in 2013.

The 228-acre Quarry Park project was a vision of Mr. Grant. It began in 2006 with individual conversation with City staff, commission members and elected officials. In 2015, his vision became a reality with the construction groundbreaking of Quarry Park.

As required by the City Council's adopted policy on naming of City-owned buildings and facilities, the advisory body overseeing the facility, the Recreation and Parks Commission, supports a resolution recommending the naming of Quarry Park in Honor of Mr. Timothy A. Grant.

During the June 15th CD/H/GG Committee meeting, this item was held due to the request of additional information. Please see attached memo for the additional information requested.