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Naming Facility at Oakview Park to Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park (B)

On February 28, 2005, the City Commission referred the matter of naming City parks, recreation areas, and facilities to the Recreation and the Cultural Affairs Committee. The Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee forwarded their recommendations to the Commission on June 16, 2005. The City Commission adopted the Committee's recommendations at their August 8, 2005 meeting. The general policy states that either the City of Gainesville Public Recreation and Parks Board, Nature Centers Commission or Cultural Affairs Board would be responsible for recommending to the City Commission approval of all names of parks, recreation areas, facilities, and centers managed by the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department.

During the February 2020 meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville approached the Public Recreation and Parks Board (PRPB) to request a naming of the building at Oakview Park to maintain recognition after the park was renamed. Due to COVID-19, the PRPB was unable to meet again until October 21, 2020, where the PRPB accepted a petition from the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville to formally begin the process of name change. On January 13, 2021, Public Comment was heard on the matter, and on February 10th, the PRPB unanimously voted to recommend the naming of the building Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park.

The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville originally built the building in 1955 for the Girl Scouts who occupied the building until 2014. The park was previously named Kiwanis/Girl Scout Park, and was renamed to Oakview Park due to feedback during open house sessions as part of a Wild Spaces & Public Places park improvement project. The major park improvements were completed in 2020. The building is currently occupied by Aces in Motion who was selected by an RFP process to offer Youth Programming Services for the City of Gainesville.

This item is connected to Goal 1: Equitable Community in the City's Strategic Plan by supporting the roles and charges of Citizen Advisory Boards.

The only expense associated with this is the creation of a sign and installation on the building. Estimated cost is \$250 and will be paid with Wild Spaces & Public Spaces funds as part of the completed renovation project of the park and building.

The City Commission approve the request to name the building located at 810 NW 8th Street at Oakview Park as "Kiwanis Community Center at Oakview Park."