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TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: NAMING OF 120 WOODWARD AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community and Older Adult Services Commission recommends that Council approve naming the new Community building located at 120 Woodward Avenue. after Don E. Anderson.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On July 1, 1998, the City Council adopted a Park Naming policy. A copy of the policy is attached to this report.

At the November 19, 2009 meeting, the Community and Older Adult Services Commission considered the naming of the building at 120 Woodward Ave. and voted unanimously to recommend naming the building after Don E. Anderson, former Director of the Department and thirty-eight year City employee.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the park naming policy is to establish a uniform approach for the naming of existing and future parks and recreation facilities within parks. A copy of this policy is attached for your review. The policy states: "When appropriate, a park or recreation facility can be named in honor of a person, when such a person has made a major contribution to the community, the country, or the field of parks and recreation." Naming the facility after Don Anderson, fits within this section of the policy.

The Community Services Commission discussed the recommendation, at the November 19, 2009 meeting. The Commission unanimously agreed with him. Don's contributions to the Community throughout his career and life in Escondido were tremendous. He was responsible for significant expansion of programs for children and youth, including those at the Sports Center, the EVCC and Oak Hill.

Upon Council approval, staff will purchase a sign for the building, which we plan to dedicate in May.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerry Van Leeuwen
Director of Community Services

Attachment