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## Memorandum

Date: November 21, 2022

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Michael Rogers, City Manager

Via: Brian MacDonald, Director of Parks & RecreationCC: Jolene Jauregui, Recreation Services Manager

Subject: Request to Rename Tracy Sports Complex

The Tracy Sports Complex is a 27-acre multi-fields complex located south of 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Jefferson Parkway and Crossroads Drive and includes four baseball diamonds, four soccer fields, two playgrounds, picnic areas, restrooms, a concession building, and parking on-site.

Prior to opening, City Council approved naming the four soccer fields at the Presidio Community Park (Tracy Sports Complex) after the 1965 Pioneer Soccer Club on February 15, 2000. On October 3, 2000, Council established a consensus to name the park the "Tracy Sports Complex". The Complex held a Community Grand Opening on October 6, 2002.

At a City Council's meeting, on January 18, 2022, citizen Steve Abercrombie proposed recognizing local individuals for their service and commitment to Tracy including a proposal to rename the Tracy Sports Complex the Brent Ives Sports Complex.

Following this request, the Parks & Recreation Department initiated the solicitation of names for the Tracy Sports Complex on July 21, 2022 - August 22, 2022, in the Tracy Press, on social media, and an email went out to stakeholders and community groups which ran for a period of 30 days. City Staff received two complete applications for the renaming of the Sports Complex.

On October 6, 2022, City Staff brought the two completed applications to the Park and Community Services Commission for review and recommendation. Following discussion, the Commission motioned 3-1 to re-open the naming process for additional names and to return to the Parks Commission with the two recommended names and any new names to be considered.

Following feedback from Commission about the limited number of submissions and original timing of solicitation which occurred during summer vacations and the start of many schools' academic calendar, City Staff will re-open the park naming process for the Tracy Sports Complex in Spring 2023 after the 2022 Winter Holidays. Following the solicitation of names, City Staff will return to the Commission for review and recommendation.