Recreation Department

April 6, 1993

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition #2921, Requesting Renaming of Griggs Playground to "Alfonso Wells Memorial Playground"

When the Recreation Department receives a request to have a memorial designation given to a park, the following procedure is used to evaluate the

1. The individual or group making the request is asked to send us evidence that the person after whom the park is to be named was a respected member of the community and made outstanding contributions towards the progress or general welfare of the community.

2. If the evidence submitted indicates that the proposal has substantial merit, the Recreation Department would then poll community groups in the area served by the park, to give them an opportunity to present their views on the proposal. The department would then inform the City Council of the results of the poil and make a recommendation to the Council on the proposed renaming.

In this particular case, the department did not feel that the petitioner's evidence supported the proposed renaming, so we informed the City Council that the department did not favor the renaming. However, the decision is the City Council's to make, so we did include a resolution with our recommendation that could be used to assign the memorial designation — if the City Council so desires.

Respectfully submitted, THEODORE JORDAN **Deputy Director**

By Council Member Kelley:

Resolved, That the recreation site on the west side of Griggs, between Chippewa and Norfolk, currently known as Griggs Playground, is hereby designated the "Alfonso Wells Memorial Playground."

Adopted as follows: Yeas — Council Members Butler, Cleveland, Eberhard, Everett, Hill, Hood, Kelley, Ravitz, and President Mahaffey - 9.

Nays - None.

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