

Honorary Designation Application

Columbus, Georgia

Name of Honoree: ___Veterans_____

Requestor: ___Councilman John House as leader of the Veterans Action Committee of Columbus_____

Contact Information: ___jmhouse6@gmail.com C: 706-573-2389_____

Requested Location: ___Field at A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium_____

Park or Recreational Facility Name: ___Field is not named. Request is to name it Veterans Memorial Field_____

Before submitting this application, please read the code sections list below for information regarding the honorary designation guidelines and process as set in the Columbus Code of Ordinances.

COLUMBUS CODE OF ORDINANCES: Chapter 2 – Administration

ARTICLE VII. - BOARD OF HONOR FOR DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS

Sec. 2-81. - Established; purpose.

(a) A board of honor for distinguished citizens is hereby established for the purpose of honoring citizens through a continuing memorial program in Columbus, Georgia, under which public activities, buildings, bridges and other facilities may be named for citizens who distinguish themselves through service to the city.

(b) With respect to the naming of city streets, all proposals to rename an existing street or any segment thereof in honor or memory of any person living or dead, shall be referred to the board of honor for notice, inquiry and deliberation consistent with the manner in which it conducts its other duties pursuant to this article. After inquiry and deliberation, the board shall make a recommendation to the Columbus Council for honorary designation by resolution, official street naming by ordinance, or denial of the request. Provided, however, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the naming of new streets pursuant to [§ 7.8.5](#) of the Unified Development Ordinance.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, city-owned facilities named in memory of a person pursuant to subsection (a) may be reviewed by the Board of Honor or the Columbus Council after the lapse of a 15-year period from the date of facility naming by the Columbus Council. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 1, 9-30-75; Ord. No. 11-57, § 1, 11-8-11; Ord. No. 12-19, § 1, 4-24-12)

Sec. 2-84. - Rules of proceedings; compensation of members.

The board may make their own rules of proceedings for their organization procedures consistent with the ordinances of Columbus and the State of Georgia. The members of the board shall serve without compensation. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 4, 9-30-75)

Sec. 2-85. - Memorialization criteria.

Memorialization criteria shall be as follows:

- (a) The board shall develop procedures for considering nominations of deceased citizens that have distinguished themselves by outstanding service to the community;
- (b) No memorialization motions will be made without the consent of the immediate family of the honoree and without public notice of the motion being considered by the board of honor. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 5, 9-30-75)

Sec. 2-86. - Consideration, etc., of nominations for memorial designation of public property and activities.

From time to time, this board shall consider, inquire, deliberate and decide upon all nominations for memorial designation of public property and activities, and will make their recommendation to the council within 30 days after their actions. (Ord. No. 75-92, § 6, 9-30-75)

Is this request to place a bench, or to erect honorary signage in a public park? Please explain and provide the exact wording for requested naming and/or signage.

_The request is to name the football field at A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium as the Veterans Memorial Field in honor of the original dedication of the stadium and field for citizens who died in World War and those who have continued to serve in the military. _____

Criteria for Honorary Designation

Please complete the following questionnaire, which is used in the evaluation of each request for an honorary designation. Use additional paper if required.

1. Historical and/or cultural influence of the Honoree on the City of Columbus:

_The A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium was originally named Memorial Stadium in honor of the local citizens who died in World War I. Naming the field as Veterans Memorial Field will honor that legacy of sacrifice by local citizens who served in military service and gave their lives in defense of the country. _____

2. Provide proof of significant lineage or family ties to the City of Columbus:

__World War I brought the nation into the international political and diplomatic arena. The sacrifices of local citizens in World War contributed to that effort. During World War I, the War Department selected Columbus as to host the new Infantry School at Camp later Fort Benning. The dedication of local citizens to supporting the military is well known.

3. Establish clear geographical relationship of the facility to the Honoree's area of interest:

_Naming the field ensure that people in the area will remember the World War I legacy.

4. Clearly define community or public contribution made by the Honoree:

Citizen sacrifices and support for the military are well known.

Signature of Applicant: John House

Date: 2-11-21

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at lgilsson@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: 02/13/2021

Date application was submitted to the Engineering Department to verify any conflicts with existing facilities and the requested honorary designation: Submitted to Parks & Recreation Dept

Date response received from the Engineering Department: Response from Parks & Rec 02/23/2021

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO X

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date applicant was notified of cost: _____

Applicant agreed to cost: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: 03/09/2021

Motion to submit to the Board of Honor: _____ No Action taken: _____

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: _____

Official action taken: _____

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution listed for adoption by Council: _____

Resolution No. _____

Date executed resolution and application forwarded to Engineering Department: _____

Completion date: _____

Additional Notes: _____
