

City of Columbus, GA
Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: Jason Crowson / Stephanie Callahan

PHONE NUMBER: 706-681-0529 / 706-587-3224

ADDRESS: 5245 Ray Drive Columbus, GA 31904

NAME OF HONOREE: Richard Callahan, Sr.
(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):

LIVING OR DECEASED
(CIRCLE ONE)

REQUESTED LOCATION: Godwin Creek Golf Course

TYPE OF TRIBUTE OR REMEMBRANCE: Stone with Bronze plaque & Marble Bench

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:

Historical influence of volunteering for over 13 years overseeing the only year-round Jr. Golf program serving all surrounding counties to include Muscogee, Russell County, Harris County and Marion County. Historically the area of Godwin was considered underserved lacking any culture and even frowned upon by some families before Richard pushed to assure parents this was a safe environment for kids of all ages to learn core values that could be used on and off the course. Richard showed generations of players a hidden jewel unknown to many -that was Godwin Creek.

PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:

The only proof of the family lineage/and or ties to our city would be recorded in Golf Authority records when we worked with John Milam taking over from where the First Tee program had to dissolve due to financial difficulty prior to 2011. The utilities were turned off and payments had to be hand delivered for a couple of years before we officially established a nonprofit called Fore Kids to fundraise and maintain the course. It was important to Richard to never take a salary for his efforts to save Godwin Creek for the future use for kids of all demographics. He was committed to serving the youth of our community out of the kindness of his heart never once turning a single child away.

ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE AREA OR PLACE OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:

Richard's son (Andy) began playing at Godwin Creek in 2007 and there were clear signs that this establishment was about to close its doors and because this was in his very own 'backyard' he wanted to save it for not only his child but for the many other kids that might not have been given the same opportunity and resources to learn the game and learn life lessons of giving back to your own community through community service and passing down good values. Richard was looked up to by many but never looked down on anyone – he set the bar very high for future volunteers looking to 'make a difference' and not a profit.

CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

If it were not for Richard giving the last 15 years of his life to Godwin Creek at no expense to the city or any other organization, the face of Jr. Golf as we know it today would not be what it is. The players and their families have showered him for over a decade with gifts of love and adoration because they knew he wouldn't accept anything other than smiles, high fives and 'ada boys' for his contribution. To define it you would have to reach out to the many local PGA pros, High School Coaches, players, families and caddies across our state that came through the doors of Godwin Creek. Or you might find it in Golf Authority minutes from when his wife Stephanie Callahan was allowed to report to John Milam – who at one time asked if Richard would also consider Oxbow for the Jr. Program.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Jason L. Callahan

DATE: 6-11-2024

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

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

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: June 11, 2024

Date application was submitted to the appropriate City Department to verify any conflicts for the placement of the tribute or remembrance and the requested honorary designation: _____

Date response received from the City Department: June 26, 2024 See Attached Email Response From Golf Aut.

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO _____

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: June 18, 2024

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: July 3, 2024

Official action taken: Recommendation and vote result to deny application.

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

Resolution No. _____ Ordinance No. _____

Additional Notes: _____

City Department Response to Request

- Jim Arendt, Golf Director – Bull Creek, Oxbow Creek & Godwin Creek Golf Courses

Sandra T Davis

From: Jim Arendt
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 5:17 PM
To: Sandra T Davis
Cc: William Roundtree, Sr
Subject: RE: Honorary Designation

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hello Sandra,

Yesterday the Golf Authority met and discussed this Honorary Designation Application.

The Golf Authority did charge me with providing the following comments:

- More definition is requested regarding size of a proposed memorial
- Photos of the proposed memorial, or similar , requested for their review
- Proposed location is requested
- There were also comments stating a preference of a steel, or steel/wood bench as opposed to marble bench
- What wording is planned to be on a plaque/other?
- Concerns were made that this memorial does not overshadow the current memorial of Bill Godwin

These are the concerns as noted from the Golf Authority during the June 25 meeting. Please let me know how this process continues from this point. Will the Golf Authority receive a response?

Thank you,



Jim Arendt, PGA
Golf Director-Bull Creek/Oxbow Creek/Godwin Creek Golf Courses
7333 Lynch Road
Midland, GA 31820
706-225-3047

Georgia PGA Patriot Award Recipient 2023
Georgia PGA Patriot Award Recipient 2020
Georgia PGA Professional of the Year Award Recipient 2009

Georgia PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award-Public Recipient 2007
Georgia PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award-Public Recipient 2004



GEORGIA



From: Sandra T Davis <Davis.Sandra@columbusga.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Jim Arendt <Arendt.Jim@columbusga.org>
Cc: Ricky Wright <shiftt44@gmail.com>
Subject: Honorary Designation

Good Afternoon Jim,

The Clerk's Office received the attached Honorary Designation Application on June 11, 2024. Please advise if there are any conflicts.

Thanks,

Sandra T. Davis

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council
Council of Columbus, Georgia
Office: 706-225-4013
Direct Line: 706-225-3158

Email: davis.sandra@columbusga.org



We do amazing.

"The greater the reward at the end of a journey is determined by how you handled the struggles along the way." (By ~ Sandra T. Davis)

Applicant's Response to City Department's
Concerns/Questions

- Stephanie Callahan

Sandra T Davis

From: Stephanie Callahan <stephanie@abmcol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Sandra T Davis; Jason Crowson
Cc: Jim Arendt
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Scaled Proofs

Please see John Godwin's message below sent moments ago - I think everyone is grateful to see this moving forward.

Best regards,
Stephanie Callahan
Controller
Automated Business Machines, Inc.
Stephanie@ABMCOL.com
O: 706-561-0075
F: 706-561-6442



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From: John Godwin <jgodwin@uskidsgolf.com>
Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2024 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Re: Scaled Proofs
To: Stephanie Callahan <stephanie@abmcol.com>

Hi Stephanie:
I certainly support this memorial for Richard.
Thank you ,
John

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2024, at 3:57 PM, Stephanie Callahan <stephanie@abmcol.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Sandra,

Thanks again for this follow up. I've attached your questions and answers below along with a short thread that has the proposed stone and bench that was sent to Jim for final approval back in March. It has the wording you've asked for and I'll answer the rest as best as I can:

- More definition is requested regarding size of a proposed memorial ([Lynn at Columbus Monument could measure these items if they're still being held since the March viewing](#))
- Photos of the proposed memorial, or similar , requested for their review ([Pictures sent again in attachment](#))
- Proposed location is requested ([Email states that Jim and Jason were discussing to make way for Master Plan City had](#))
- There were also comments stating a preference of a steel, or steel/wood bench as opposed to marble bench ([If Jim has an alternative that would accommodate the wording - we were given the impression the GA gave their blessing when the Marble was picked out](#))
- What wording is planned to be on a plaque/other? ([See attached](#))
- Concerns were made that this memorial does not overshadow the current memorial of Bill Godwin ([I've included John Godwin \(Bill's son\) in this email as he's always been supportive of honoring Richard and doesn't think this would overshadow the current memorial of his Dad - the Godwin Course name will forever be the beacon of light that couldn't be overshadowed by someone that only wanted to keep it open and available to the youth of our community](#))

Best regards,
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From: **Stephanie Callahan** <stephanie@abmcol.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 12:02 PM

Subject: Fwd: Scaled Proofs

To: Jim Arendt <arendt.jim@columbusga.org>, Jason Crowson <jason.crowson@metropower.com>, Ricky Wright <Shiftt44@gmail.com>, William Roundtree, Sr <theroundtree53@gmail.com>

Cc: Doright Korytoski <doright@ccofcolumbus.com>, Matt Heitmueller <MHeitmueller@greenislandcc.org>, Brandon <BRANDON@holbrookserviceinc.com>, Mike Harkins <mike.harkins@me.com>, Justin Fentress <jfentress@brookstoneschool.org>, Garry Sullivan <GSULLIVAN@brookstoneschool.org>, Skip Henderson <skiphenderson@columbusga.org>

Morning gentlemen,

I've received the attached proofs for the Bench and Stone Memorial that we're set to dedicate on Saturday May 11th (upon the approval of the Golf Authority). Again, this was something a special group wanted to do to honor Richard and I'm touched that they've reached out. If the Golf Authority could vote sooner than later, Columbus Monument does need a green light as soon as possible to create the bronze and we'd like to share this with others that might want to contribute the Scholarships we'll be awarding as early as this graduating year and that will take some prep time.

I know that Jim and Jason are working on the location for these items and just know that I'm grateful to have them anywhere. I've seen these at many other courses and always thought it was pretty neat but never dreamed that I'd be 'humbled' this early in our lives to be a part of one. Thanks again for making this a bittersweet project.

Best regards,

Stephanie Callahan

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Subject: Scaled Proofs

To: Stephanie Callahan <stephanie@abmcol.com>

Good Morning,

We were able to create (2) images for you to present to the golf committee at Godwin Creek.

Let me know your thoughts on the letter sizes and logo placement on the bench and also on the rock.

I've also attached a picture of another bench in a wooded area to show how subtle it can appear.

Thank you,

Lynn

<Lettered bench.jpg>

<CALLAHAN ROCK.pdf>

<GODWIN CREEK BENCH.pdf>

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR CO-WORKER, BOSS AND FRIEND

DON JOHNSON, SR.

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, 2003 - 2012





In memory of
RICHARD A. CALLAHAN, SR.

Always on our mind and
'FOREver' in our Hearts!

FORE KIDS' FUTURES