

City of Columbus, GA

Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: Columbus Parks and Recreation - Becky Summerlin

PHONE NUMBER: 706-225-4643

ADDRESS: 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

NAME OF HONOREE: Rick Gordon  
(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):

LIVING OR DECEASED  
(CIRCLE ONE)

EXISTING BUILDING OR FACILITY NAME: Copper Creek Tennis Center Clubhouse

REQUESTED SIGN LOCATION: Clubhouse

OTHER TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Rick was the beloved director of Parks and Recreation from 1988-1998. He was also the director of the Columbus Sports Council. Rick played almost daily at Copper Creek for 40 years. He was also instrumental in bringing about several changes, enhancements, and advancements to the complex. He brought numerous events as well.

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

Rick and his family are from Columbus. Rick's widow and children still live in Columbus and utilize Copper Creek Tennis Center. Rick was deep rooted in the community in many different ways during his lifetime.

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

As both the Parks and Recreation Director and the Executive Director of the Sports Council, Rick was in bringing interest, funding, events and revenue into Copper Creek Tennis Center. As an avid tennis player, Rick remained a constant at the center. A group of citizens brought this request forward due to his deep rooted ties to the tennis center and community.

CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

The contributions to the tennis Center and Parks and Recreation as a whole  
are vast including adding additional courts to the center. He was also  
responsible for many enhancements to the facility and did everything he  
could as Parks and Rec Director to make Cooper Creek Tennis Center a vital piece of  
Columbus history.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Betsy Summerlin

DATE: January 25, 2023

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*Board of Honoree reviewed this application on \_\_\_\_\_ and approved/did not*  
*approve by a majority of members present. (date)*