

Honorary Designation Application for Facilities

Columbus, Georgia

Name of Honoree: Nemrod Kendrick

Requestor: Georgia Alabama Senior Softball League

Contact Information: Jeff Goedert 706-761-5520

Requested Sign Location: South Commons Softball Complex

Existing Facility Name: South Commons Softball Complex

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 change the name of an existing facility or to erect honorary signage on an existing facility?
Please explain and provide the exact wording for requested naming and/or signage.

We request to change the name of South Commons Softball Complex to "Nemrod Kendrick Softball Complex at South Commons."

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:

Mr. Kendrick worked for Columbus Parks and Recreation from November 1, 1986 until his death on April 4, 2019. During that time Mr. Kendrick rarely missed a day of work and was instrumental in the game of softball in Columbus. He worked all leagues, tournaments, Superball and the Olympics held here in Columbus. Once South Commons opened in 1996, Mr. Kendrick oversaw the day to day operations until his death. Mr. Kendrick was a permanent fixture at the complex and was well known and loved by all.

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

Mr. Kendrick moved to Columbus due to his military service at Ft. Benning. During that time, he became a part-time umpire for the Parks Department. Once his service ended, he worked for the Parks Department until his death.

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

Mr. Kendrick spent more time at South Commons Softball Complex than he did at home. Softball players and fans had a great love for Nemrod and he was the go to guy at the complex. He would call all softball players by name and ran the complex with great professionalism.

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

As a permanent fixture at South Commons Softball Complex, he made South Commons what it is today. He was finely tuned on rules and regulations of softball and was a huge impact on the game. He was well respected by everyone who came to the complex. In making a huge impact to the community, the complex should be named after him.

Signature of Applicant: _____



Date: _____

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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: _____

Date application was submitted to the Engineering Department to verify any conflicts with existing facilities and the requested honorary designation: 01/23/2020 sent to Parks & Rec. 01/24/2020

Date response received from the Engineering Department: 01/24/2020

Any conflicts identified: YES _____

NO ✓ _____

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: Depends on signage _____

Date applicant was notified of cost: _____

Applicant agreed to cost: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: _____

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: _____

