



Legislation Text

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Title:

REVISED: Naming Application - Pedestrian Bridge at Queens Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park to "Jerry and Irene Blackmon Bridge and Trails" (Commissioner Harden)

Summary

ACTION:

1. Acknowledge receipt of an application, submitted by Commissioner Susan B. Harden, to approve naming the pedestrian bridge connecting Little Sugar Creek Greenway to the Queens Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park the "Jerry and Irene Blackmon Bridge and Trails"
2. Schedule a public hearing on **July 2, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the proposed naming and direct the Clerk to the Board to publish the notice of hearing as required

Commission/Staff Contact:

Commissioner Susan B. Harden and W. Lee Jones - Director of Park and Recreation

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Co-sponsors: Chair Dunlap and Commissioner Rodriguez-

Presentation:

No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

John G. "Jerry" Blackmon is a long-time public servant, U.S. Veteran, and beloved community leader. He served on the Mecklenburg County Commission from 1984 - 1990 and the NC State Legislature from 1991 - 1996. While on the commission, Mr. Blackmon was an early champion for the development of greenways. His generous contributions supported the development of the greenway system at the Queens University Sports Complex at Marion Diehl Park.

Mr. Blackmon was born on December 23, 1928 in Asheville, NC. He graduated from York High School in 1946. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1950, he entered the University of South Carolina, where he met and married his wife of 66 years, Irene Herty. He graduated in 1954 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. Blackmon has participated in many civic and community activities, has held positions of

leadership and received numerous awards and honors as listed in the naming application. Mr. Blackmon was inducted into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet on December 3, 1990.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

N/A

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A