



Facilities Naming Committee
City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2015
12:00 p.m.

Committee members Councilors Nyhan, Coen and Shurtleff were present. City Clerk Janice Bonenfant was also present.

Councilor Nyhan called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Councilor Coen moved to appoint Councilor Nyhan as Chair of the Facilities Naming Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Shurtleff and passed with no dissenting votes.

Committee Chair Councilor Nyhan explained that members were meeting in follow-up to an October 2014 Council referral. He further stated that the referral was a communication from the Varsity Club at Concord High School requesting the City of Concord consider naming the press box at Memorial Field the "Gene Connolly Press Box". Gene Connolly, Concord High School Principal, was diagnosed with ALS in 2014. The varsity club indicated within their communication that Mr. Connolly loves football, has been announcing all Concord High School home football games for years and felt that naming the press box at Memorial Field in his honor would be a nice tribute.

Committee members reviewed the policy for naming city facilities referring specifically to the sections that indicated the committee should: 1) try to honor someone due to a widely recognized significant contribution to the community as a whole or due to a significant financial contribution to a city facility; and 2) the committee should avoid naming a facility in the midst of an emotional event.

After discussing a possible naming rights policy that the City Manager may come forward with, committee members asked City Clerk Janice Bonenfant to contact the Concord School Board and inquire as to whether or not the School Board was aware of anything Concord School District, specifically Concord High School, would be doing in his honor. Ms. Bonenfant was also instructed to invite the Concord School Board Chair to a future meeting of the Facilities Naming Committee.

The time being 1:15 p.m., Councilor Nyhan moved to adjourn the meeting indicating that a future meeting date and time would be set after Ms. Bonenfant heard back from the Concord School Board.

A true copy; I attest:

Janice Bonenfant
City Clerk