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Submitted by: Mayor Sullivan, and
Assemblymembers Flynn, Gray-Jackson, Birch,
Drummond, Hall, Honeman, Johnston,
Ossiander, Starr, Traini, and Trombley
Prepared by: Office of the Mayor
For reading: August 30, 2011

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2011-232**

**A RESOLUTION OF MAYOR DAN SULLIVAN AND THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL
ASSEMBLY TO NAME THE ATRIUM IN THE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY RECREATION
CENTER IN HONOR OF MR. GRADY WARD.**

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2010, Mr. Grady Ward, a founding member of the Fairview Community Council and Fairview Community Patrol, died at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, one of Alaska's African-American pioneers, Grady Ward arrived in Anchorage in 1949 and worked as a welder for the Alaska Railroad, early in his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ward, a member of Carpenters Local union 1281, worked as a laborer, welder and carpenter for 52 years on numerous local construction projects including the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, JC Penney, Nordstrom, Fifth Avenue Mall, Providence Hospital, and Alaska Regional Hospital, Hotel Captain Cook, and projects on Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fairview Community Patrol, Mr. Ward spent many nights patrolling the streets of Fairview. He was also instrumental in obtaining traffic signals, school crossings, speed limits and drug-free community signs throughout Fairview, which made for a safer community today; and

WHEREAS, to honor Grady Ward's memory by designating in his honor a public fixture or feature as set out in AMC 3.97, will recognize this exceptional citizen and remind us and future generations how we can build new frontiers of opportunity for individuals and for our great city; and

WHEREAS, after following the established policy and performing due diligence, the Citizen Naming Panel voted unanimously to recommend, with concurrence from the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission, that the Atrium in the Fairview Community Recreation be named the **Grady Ward Atrium**.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1: To name the Atrium in the Fairview Community Recreation be named the **Grady Ward Atrium**.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



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August 22, 2011

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Ms. Debbie Ossiander, Assembly Chair
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Re: Recommendation from Naming Panel to Honor Mr. Grady Ward
(Pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-145)

Dear Mayor Sullivan and Assembly Chair Ossiander,

In accordance with the AMC 3.97: *Naming Procedure for Municipal Buildings, Other Fixed Facilities, and Public Places*, the duly-appointed Citizen Naming Panel has unanimously agreed to recommend that the Atrium in the Fairview Community Recreation Center be named the:

Grady Ward Atrium.

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission is in support of this recommendation; their Resolution No. 2011-23 is attached for your review.

I offer thanks to the Citizen Naming Panel for their time and efforts:

Ms. Heidi Heinrich
Mr. Allen Kemplen
Mr. Darrel Hess;

and, on their behalf, I respectfully submit for your consideration their recommendation, which is attached in the form of a draft Resolution. Your support of their recommendation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Larry Baker
Mayor's Naming Panel Designee/Chief of Staff

attachments





MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION



Anchorage, Alaska
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-23

In Support of Naming the Fairview Recreation Center Atrium after Grady Ward

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system for all residents of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes the importance of park naming to add meaning, significance, and uniformity to public places; to minimize conflict and lend continuity and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes that the selection of a name that is purposeful, suitable, and symbolic can generate opportunities for community impact, create sensitivity, promote public relations, express appreciation, and educate; and

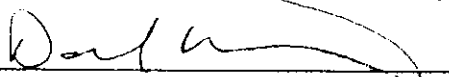
WHEREAS, the Fairview Recreation Center is designated to Parks and Recreation management; and

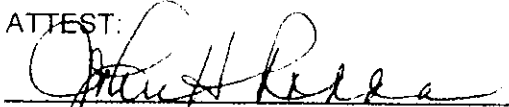
WHEREAS, as part of the Fairview Community Patrol, Grady Ward spent many nights patrolling the streets of Fairview and was instrumental in obtaining traffic signals, school crossings, speed limit and "drug free community" signs throughout Fairview making for a safer community; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission finds that the proposed name honors Grady Ward by designating in his memory a public area within the Fairview Recreation Center, recognizing his relentless efforts to improve the quality of life in the Fairview community; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports the proposal to name the Atrium in Fairview Recreation Center after Grady Ward.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 11th day of August, 2011.


Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department