



**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 12/07/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA TITLE:




Consideration and possible action to name the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center property in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- (1) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-__ a resolution of the City Council of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, renaming the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center property to the Ken Dyda Civic Center and naming the driveway leading into the Civic Center as Ken Dyda Way effective upon resolution adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Amount Budgeted:	NA
Additional Appropriation:	NA
Account Number(s):	NA

ORIGINATED BY: Matt Waters, Senior Administrative Analyst 
REVIEWED BY: Cory Linder, Recreation and Parks Director 
APPROVED BY: Ara Mihranian, AICP, City Manager 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 2021-__ (page A-1)
- B. [June 1, 2021, City Council Staff Report](#)
- C. [August 3, 2021, City Council Staff Report](#)
- D. August 26, 2021, Civic Center Advisory Committee Staff Report (page D-1)
- E. September 9, 2021, Civic Center Advisory Committee Staff Report (page E-1)
- F. City Council Policy No. 37 (page F-1)

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

On April 6, 2021, during the City Council's review of City Council Policies, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley expressed a desire to honor current Councilmember and former Mayor Ken Dyda by renaming a City facility to honor him for his tremendous legacy of service. The City Council considered the following options on June 1, 2021 (Attachment B):

- Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Sunset Room at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Grandview Park
- City Hall
- Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

No final decision was made at that meeting, but potential locations were narrowed. The City Council directed Staff to return with additional information on Grandview Park, Civic Center/City Hall alternatives, or a to-be-determined historical society museum site as possible renaming locations/facilities. These options were considered by the City Council on August 3, 2021 (Attachment C).

At that meeting the following potential names and locations were considered by the City Council:

- Ken Dyda Civic Center
- Ken Dyda Upper Point Vicente Park
- Ken Dyda Upper Point Vicente Park and Civic Center
- Ken Dyda Hall of Administration at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Building (or Offices)
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Administration Wing
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Administration Building

The City Council, on a unanimous vote (Councilmember Dyda recused himself), approved naming all or a significant portion of the Civic Center site after Councilmember Dyda. The City Council indicated that the selection of the City Hall building or all or a portion of the Civic Center property would be particularly appropriate given his contribution to the founding of Rancho Palos Verdes and his decades-long involvement in city government.

That evening, the Council directed Staff to have the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) provide a recommendation on a) what portion (or the entirety) of the Civic Center site should be named for Councilmember Dyda; and b) what the name should be.

The CCAC received a report and discussed various options at its August 26, 2021, meeting (Attachment D). Options included the following:

- The CCAC discussed naming the Civic Center complex the Ken Dyda Civic Center. Several CCAC members favored this option and mentioned that the shortness of the name would make it easy to say and remember.
- An additional option was to also name the driveway providing ingress and egress to the Civic Center as Ken Dyda Way. Currently, this driveway does not have a name.

The CCAC directed Staff to research whether naming the driveway would necessitate a change to City Hall's current address of 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. The CCAC also asked City Manager Mihranian to speak with Councilmember Dyda about his thoughts on being honored and the two options discussed above.

Staff provided the following responses to the CCAC at its September 9, 2021, meeting (Attachment E):

- City Manager Mihranian spoke with Councilmember Dyda on August 30. City Manager Mihranian noted that Councilmember Dyda was very humble about this potential honor and said he was accepting of either or both the Ken Dyda Civic Center and the Ken Dyda Way options.
- The Civic Center driveway is on City property and is not a public road. Therefore, the City Council could choose to officially name the driveway without affecting City Hall's official address, which would remain as 30940 Hawthorne Blvd.

That evening, the CCAC made the following recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

- 1) Rename the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center the Ken Dyda Civic Center.
- 2) Name the currently unnamed Civic Center driveway Ken Dyda Way.
- 3) Officially include Councilmember Dyda on a future City Wall of Honor.

The name change to Ken Dyda Civic Center will be effective immediately upon adoption of the resolution. This change will need to be noted in a number of City documents including the Parks Master Plan and the City's General Plan. Making these changes can be done in conjunction with the recent name change of the Ladera Linda Community Center to Ladera Linda Community Park, a change that the City Council approved on November 16, 2021. It is anticipated that these changes will be made at a Council Meeting in early 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Financial Impact

The precise costs associated with renaming these facilities have not been determined for the above-mentioned options but are not expected to be exorbitant or a determining factor. Most of the costs are anticipated to be the replacement of street and on-site signs, and informational material, including entrance signs, rules signs, wayfaring signs, letterhead, and flyers. Staff time would be required to update documents and social media information, the City website, and other information online.

City Council Naming Policy

Per City Council Policy No. 37 "Naming of Public Facilities and Placing of Monuments and Other Memorials" (Attachment F), the naming of City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations will be a rare event and will be considered under the following conditions:

1. The individual, a family, or a community organization has made exceptional contributions to the City, including one or more of the following: a) financial gifts, b) public service as an elected official, c) public service as a community volunteer, or d) long term sponsorship agreements.
2. There should be a well-defined connection between the contributions of the individual or community organization and the City facility.
3. The significance of the contribution from the individual/ organization needs to be evaluated in relation to the impact of the City facility. Individuals and organizations that have made contributions of regional or community-wide significance may be considered for naming of facilities that serve the entire City. Individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to a particular area or neighborhood may be considered for the naming of facilities that serve these areas or neighborhoods within the City, including recreational and other amenities within City parks.
4. When considering naming a City facility after an individual, a period of at least three (3) years shall have passed following the death of such person to allow perspective and an appropriate period of reflection.
5. Only a current Mayor or City Councilmember may nominate an individual to have a City facility named in his or her honor, and the determination will be made by the City Council.

The City has previously named facilities after notable residents including former Mayors Robert E. Ryan, Marilyn Ryan, and John McTaggart, City founder Fred Hesse Jr., and Randal Simmons, a Los Angeles Police Department SWAT officer slain in the line of duty. While Councilmember Dyda does not meet all the above conditions, the City Council has expressed a desire to recognize him now for his many civic accomplishments and contributions to the City including leading the incorporation of the City. If considering whether an exception is acceptable, the City Attorney has opined that the City Council can consider an exception to City Council Policy No. 37 via resolution.

The Wall of Honor is is part of the City Council Policy No. 37 (Attachment E). Section III states the Wall of Honor will “memorialize the names of distinguished community leaders who have made substantial contributions to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.” The policy states that persons nominated for inclusion of the Wall of Honor will be deceased and will not have been previously honored by other actions such as having a facility named in their honor. The location of the wall has not been determined, although the Civic Center is a likely and suitable location.

Councilmember Dyda’s Accomplishments and Background Information

- Co-founder of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.
- Served 13 years on the City Council with multiple terms as Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor: 1978-79 and 2015-16. Mayor Pro Tem: 1973-75 and 1977-78.

- Incorporation of Municipalities in California. Authored the state legislation that modified the voting process for incorporation. (Caused the change of similar legislation in 28 other states.)
- Rancho de los Palos Verdes Historical Society. (1975) Co-founder & Past President.
- Peninsula Symphony Association - Past President and Member of the Board of Directors.
- Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts. Authored the state legislation creating the districts.
- Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District. Past member.
- Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District. Past member.
- Don Wallace Radio Ranch Museum. Co-founder and Past Chairman.
- Southern California Association of Governments. Past City representative.
- South Bay Sanitation District. Past Member of the board of directors.
- City representative to the Contract Cities Association, introduced performance-based contracting for Sheriff's Department services.
- The 5th Sanitation District. Past Member of the Board of Directors.
- RPV VOICE. Founder and Past Chairman of the Board.
- Rancho Palos Verdes Financial Advisory Committee. Past Chairman and Member.
- San Pedro Peninsula YMCA Indian Guides. Past district chairman.
- Boy Scout Troop 276. Committee Chairman.
- Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners. President.
- Rancho Palos Verdes Council of Homeowners Associations. Member.
- Rancho Palos Verdes View Restoration Commission. Past member.
- Rancho Palos Verdes 2002 Goals Report. General Chairman.
- Rancho Palos Verdes Neighborhood Compatibility Committee.
- Palos Verdes Bridge Club. Chairman.
- Member of the Save Our Coastline (S.O.C.) Executive/Policy Committee.
- Chairman of the Fourth City Petition Campaign Committee.
- Chairman of the S.O.C. Steering Committee.
- Chairman of the S.O.C. Election Committee.
- Chairman and Researcher of the Fourth City Financial Feasibility Report.

The full list of City projects and initiatives Councilmember Dyda has led or played a significant role in is too lengthy to include here. His dedication to finding a solution for the ongoing Portuguese Bend Landslide has been a particular passion.

In addition to his civic accomplishments, Councilmember Dyda worked 35 years for North American Aviation (now Boeing) and five years for Northrop Grumman. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, did graduate-level study in math, physics, and astrodynamics at UCLA, and is an instrument-rated private pilot. He has consulted with NATO, the United States Naval Training Devices Center, the United States Air Force, and Flight Safety Inc. Among numerous professional affiliations and accomplishments, he has lectured at Cambridge University and was recognized on the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Walk of Fame.

ALTERNATIVES:

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative actions are available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Do not adopt the resolution, thereby not proceeding with renaming a facility after Councilmember Dyda.
2. Recommend alternate City facilities.
3. Take other action, as deemed appropriate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA, RENAMING THE UPPER POINT VICENTE PARK/CIVIC CENTER PROPERTY TO THE KEN DYDA CIVIC CENTER AND NAMING THE DRIVEWAY LEADING INTO THE CIVIC CENTER AS KEN DYDA WAY EFFECTIVE UPON RESOLUTION ADOPTION

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2021, the City Council considered naming a facility in honor of current City Councilmember and former Mayor Ken Dyda in honor of his legacy of service; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, the City Council considered a number of possible locations and facilities to name in honor of Councilmember Dyda; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, the City Council considered naming all or a portion of the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center site after Councilmember Dyda for his contribution to the founding of Rancho Palos Verdes and his decades-long involvement in local government requested input from the Civic Center Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2021, the Civic Center Advisory Committee, at the direction of the City Council, discussed which part(s) of the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center should be named in honor of Councilmember Dyda and what the names should be; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2021, the Civic Center Advisory Committee recommended changing the name of the Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center to the Ken Dyda Civic Center, to name the driveway leading into the Civic Center as Ken Dyda Way, and to officially include Councilmembers Dyda on a future City Wall of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of City Council Policy No. 37 outlines procedures for the City Council to name City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations, notes that when considering naming a City facility after an individual, a period of at least three (3) years shall have passed following the death of such person to allow perspective and an appropriate period of reflection; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has opined that the City Council can consider an exception to City Council Policy No. 37 via the adoption of a resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The City Council finds the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/01/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA TITLE:




Consideration and possible action to consider a potential City facility to be named in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- (1) Provide Staff direction on a potential City facility to be re-named in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Amount Budgeted:	NA
Additional Appropriation:	NA
Account Number(s):	NA

ORIGINATED BY: Matt Waters, Senior Administrative Analyst 
REVIEWED BY: Cory Linder, Recreation and Parks Director 
APPROVED BY: Ara Mihranian, AICP, City Manager 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. City Council Policy No. 37
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BACKGROUND:

On April 6, 2021, during the City Council's review of City Council Policies, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley expressed a desire to honor current Councilmember and former Mayor Ken Dyda by re-naming a City facility in his honor as a means of thanking him for his tremendous legacy of service. While the Point Vicente Interpretive Center was mentioned as a potential candidate, a commitment was not made that evening as the Council directed Staff to return at a future date with more information to consider. Tonight's report is intended to provide a list of potential City facilities that could be renamed for the City Council's consideration.

DISCUSSION:

The City has previously named a number of facilities after individuals, including former Mayors Robert E. Ryan, Marilyn Ryan, and John McTaggart, City Founder Fred Hesse Jr., and Randall Simmons, an LAPD officer slain in the line of duty.

Per Council Policy Number 37 (Attachment A), concerning Individual/ Organizational Recognition, the naming of City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations will be a rare event and will be considered under the following conditions:

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Councilmember Dyda does not meet the above conditions, but there is a desire to recognize him now for his many civic accomplishments and contributions to the City, including:

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In addition to his civic accomplishments, Councilmember Dyda worked 35 years for North American Aviation (now Boeing) and five (5) years for Northrop. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, did graduate-level study in Math, Physics, and Astrodynamics at UCLA, and is an instrument rated private pilot. He has consulted with NATO, the United States Naval Training Devices Center, the United States Air Force, and Flight Safety Inc. Among numerous professional affiliations and accomplishments, he has lectured at Cambridge University and recognized on the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Walk of Fame.

A 60-year resident of the Rancho Palos Verdes area, Councilmember Dyda is married to Lorraine and has two children and two grandchildren.

Potential City Facilities to Rename:

- Point Vicente Interpretive Center: This premier whale watching site opened in 1984 and was expanded in 2006. The site provides spectacular opportunities to view the annual migration of the Pacific gray whale from December through April. The site is a very popular destination with visitors from throughout the world, and its current name is well-branded, so a name change may cause some temporary confusion.
- Sunset Room at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center: This multi-purpose room features tremendous ocean and Catalina Island views. This would be similar to the honor bestowed upon former Mayor and 20-year Councilmember John McTaggart who had the Hesse Park Multi-purpose Room named in his honor as the John McTaggart Memorial Hall and Council Chambers in 2013. The City Council recommended that if the Council Chambers were ever re-located, it would still be named for Mayor McTaggart.
- Grandview Park: This 18-acre, open space park offers beautiful views and informal walking trails. It is located near Councilmember Dyda's long-time home.
- City Hall and/or Upper Point Vicente/Civic Center: Currently in the midst of a Civic Center Master Plan process, this 17-acre site offers spectacular ocean views from multiple locations and includes the current City Hall complex. The park grounds, City Hall, or the entire complex could be named for Councilmember Dyda.

While all the options would be fitting tributes to Councilmember Dyda's legacy, the selection of all or a portion of the Civic Center property would be particularly appropriate given his contribution to the founding of Rancho Palos Verdes and his decades-long involvement in City Government.

If considering whether an exception is acceptable, the City Attorney has opined that the City Council can consider an exception via resolution.

Staff can return with detailed cost estimates and associated logistics following Council direction.

ALTERNATIVES:

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative actions are available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Take no action, thereby not proceeding with naming a facility after Councilman Dyda.
2. Recommend additional City facilities.
3. Take other action as deemed appropriate.

CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER: 37

DATE ADOPTED/AMENDED: 01/07/03 (Amended 9/15/09, 12/20/11, and 4/20/21)

SUBJECT: Naming of Public Facilities and Placing of Monuments and Other Memorials

POLICY:

I. City Facilities

It shall be the policy of the City Council to name City facilities in the following manner:

- **General**

The policy of the City is to name facilities in a manner that will provide an easy and recognizable reference to the City's residents and visitors.

- **Geographic Location**

Whenever possible, City facilities will be named for their geographic location. The geographic location may be based on the identification of the facility with a specific place, neighborhood, street, topographic or other natural feature, such as a drainage course, tree or plant species, or historical precedent.

- **Individual/Organizational Recognition**

The naming of City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations will be a rare event, and will be considered under the following conditions:

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4. When considering naming a City facility after an individual, a period of at least three (3) years shall have passed following the death of such person to allow perspective and an appropriate period of reflection.
5. Only a current Mayor or City Council Member may nominate an individual to have a City facility named in his or her honor, and the determination will be made by the City Council.

City policy does not preclude additional opportunities for recognition that may be created in the future. For instance, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center is planned to include exhibits that may be funded by individual or corporate donations. Recognition of such donations may include a donor wall within the Interpretive Center, or recognition of a contributor's sponsorship of a specific exhibit.

II. Monuments and Other Memorials

It shall be the policy of the City Council to allow the placing of monuments and other memorials on City properties under the following guidelines:

▪ **Monuments**

Monuments in honor or in memory of persons may be permitted, in rare cases, on City property with permission of the City Council under the following conditions:

1. The person memorialized is closely associated with the area where the monument will be located. The person memorialized is known to, and revered, by a significant number of City residents.
2. The monument design is discreet and unobtrusive and designed to blend into the surrounding area. A small plaque on a large rock (4 cubic feet) would be appropriate. The location of the monument will be determined by City staff with approval of the City Council.
3. Costs of design, installation and maintenance of the monument will be determined by the City and borne by the requestor at the discretion of the City. Only City personnel or City contractors may perform work on City property.
4. The monument is only a marker and is not a place of worship, a cemetery or official gathering place. Flowers, and other memorabilia are not permitted and will be removed by maintenance personnel.

5. The City is not responsible for damage or deterioration of the monument and may remove it at any time for any reason with permission of the City Council.

▪ **Benches or Trees**

Benches or trees in honor or in memory of deceased persons may be placed in City parks, or other City spaces, at the discretion of the City Manager under the following conditions:

1. The bench design, or tree species, will be determined by the City and the location of the bench or tree will be selected by the City.
2. A relatively small plaque (5" x 8"), with inscription or other written memorial information may be placed on the bench or near the tree.
3. Costs of design, installation and maintenance of the bench or tree will be determined by the City and borne by the requestor at the discretion of the City. Only City personnel or City contractors may perform work on City property.
4. The bench, or tree, is only a marker and is not a place of worship, a cemetery or official gathering place. Flowers, and other memorabilia are not permitted and will be removed by maintenance personnel.
5. The City is not responsible for damage or deterioration of the bench or tree and may remove it at any time for any reason without replacement.

III. Wall of Honor

It shall be the policy of the City Council to establish a "Wall of Honor" under the following guidelines:

▪ **Wall of Honor**

The Wall of Honor will memorialize the names of distinguished community leaders who have made substantial contributions to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes under the following conditions:

1. Persons nominated for the "Wall of Honor" shall have been dedicated community leaders who have contributed significantly to the quality of life offered by the City and realization of the vision expressed in the original General Plan. The honoree must have had a significant presence in the community throughout a good portion of their life and should have made notable impacts on sustaining the quality of life of the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes.

2. Persons nominated for inclusion on the “Wall of Honor” will be deceased and will not have been previously honored by other actions of the City such as facilities named in their honor or other memorial.
3. When a person is nominated for inclusion on the “Wall of Honor” staff should consult with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library District, local historical society or other appropriate sources to determine the significance of the individual's contributions to the community and report these findings to the City Council.
4. Only a current Mayor or City Councilmember may nominate a citizen to be included on the “Wall of Honor.” The determination of the persons who will be included will be made by the City Council.
5. The location of the “Wall” and the format of names and inscriptions shall be established by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has lacked a uniform policy to assist the City Council and to guide staff in the naming of City facilities, including parks and open space areas, buildings, streets and other public amenities. In addition, there have been no formal policies or guidelines for honoring City leaders, nor for memorializing persons whose loved ones simply want to provide a remembrance in the form of a bench or tree.

Although the City has had no formal policy for naming public facilities and sites in honor of persons, there are precedents. Fred Hesse Park and Community Center is named for a City founder, Robert Ryan Park is named for a former Mayor and Councilmember and Vanderlip Park is named for an original Peninsula landowner. There is a GPS monument at Portuguese Point named in honor of Dr. Perry Ehlig. There is a trail below Ocean Terrace Drive known as the McBride Trail in honor of the man who constructed it. There are also three small memorials, one near Ladera Linda Community Center, one at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and the other near Inspiration Point that honor persons who died prematurely. Finally, there have been numerous requests from individuals to install park benches or plant trees in memory of deceased loved ones, many of which have been granted.

The development of a Policy to guide the naming of City facilities, the permitting of monuments, benches and trees is intended to enable these processes to be conducted in an equitable, objective and consistent manner. In addition, the establishment of a “Wall of Honor” will offer a new formal opportunity for honoring community leaders.

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/03/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA TITLE:




Consideration and possible action to consider a potential City facility to be renamed in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- (1) Provide Staff direction on a potential City facility to be renamed in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda; and,
- (2) If deemed acceptable, direct Staff to return at the October 19, 2021 meeting with a resolution to memorialize the renaming of a City facility after Councilmember Ken Dyda.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Amount Budgeted:	NA
Additional Appropriation:	NA
Account Number(s):	NA

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DISCUSSION:

Potential City Facilities to Rename

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Potential Names:

- Ken Dyda Park
- Ken Dyda Grandview Park

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Potential Names:

- Ken Dyda Historical Museum
- The Ken Dyda Peninsula Historical Museum

While all the options above would be fitting tributes to Councilmember Dyda's legacy, the selection of the City Hall Building or all or a portion of the Civic Center property would be particularly appropriate given his contribution to the founding of Rancho Palos Verdes and his decades-long involvement in city government. All of the naming options, with the exception of the historical museum, could be achieved within six months.

Financial Impact

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ALTERNATIVES:

In addition to the Staff recommendation, the following alternative actions are available for the City Council's consideration:

1. Take no action, thereby not proceeding with renaming a facility after Councilmember Dyda.
2. Recommend additional City facilities.
3. Take other action, as deemed appropriate.

CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER: 37

DATE ADOPTED/AMENDED: 01/07/03 (Amended 9/15/09, 12/20/11, and 4/20/21)

SUBJECT: Naming of Public Facilities and Placing of Monuments and Other Memorials

POLICY:

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BACKGROUND

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has lacked a uniform policy to assist the City Council and to guide staff in the naming of City facilities, including parks and open space areas, buildings, streets and other public amenities. In addition, there have been no formal policies or guidelines for honoring City leaders, nor for memorializing persons whose loved ones simply want to provide a remembrance in the form of a bench or tree.

Although the City has had no formal policy for naming public facilities and sites in honor of persons, there are precedents. Fred Hesse Park and Community Center is named for a City founder, Robert Ryan Park is named for a former Mayor and Councilmember and Vanderlip Park is named for an original Peninsula landowner. There is a GPS monument at Portuguese Point named in honor of Dr. Perry Ehlig. There is a trail below Ocean Terrace Drive known as the McBride Trail in honor of the man who constructed it. There are also three small memorials, one near Ladera Linda Community Center, one at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and the other near Inspiration Point that honor persons who died prematurely. Finally, there have been numerous requests from individuals to install park benches or plant trees in memory of deceased loved ones, many of which have been granted.

The development of a Policy to guide the naming of City facilities, the permitting of monuments, benches and trees is intended to enable these processes to be conducted in an equitable, objective and consistent manner. In addition, the establishment of a “Wall of Honor” will offer a new formal opportunity for honoring community leaders.

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 06/01/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA TITLE:




Consideration and possible action to consider a potential City facility to be named in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

- (1) Provide Staff direction on a potential City facility to be re-named in honor of Councilmember Ken Dyda.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Amount Budgeted:	NA
Additional Appropriation:	NA
Account Number(s):	NA

ORIGINATED BY: Matt Waters, Senior Administrative Analyst 
REVIEWED BY: Cory Linder, Recreation and Parks Director 
APPROVED BY: Ara Mihranian, AICP, City Manager 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. City Council Policy No. 37
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BACKGROUND:

On April 6, 2021, during the City Council's review of City Council Policies, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley expressed a desire to honor current Councilmember and former Mayor Ken Dyda by re-naming a City facility in his honor as a means of thanking him for his tremendous legacy of service. While the Point Vicente Interpretive Center was mentioned as a potential candidate, a commitment was not made that evening as the Council directed Staff to return at a future date with more information to consider. Tonight's report is intended to provide a list of potential City facilities that could be renamed for the City Council's consideration.

DISCUSSION:

The City has previously named a number of facilities after individuals, including former Mayors Robert E. Ryan, Marilyn Ryan, and John McTaggart, City Founder Fred Hesse Jr., and Randall Simmons, an LAPD officer slain in the line of duty.

Per Council Policy Number 37 (Attachment A), concerning Individual/ Organizational Recognition, the naming of City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations will be a rare event and will be considered under the following conditions:

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Councilmember Dyda does not meet the above conditions, but there is a desire to recognize him now for his many civic accomplishments and contributions to the City, including:

- Co-Founder of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.
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- South Bay Sanitation District. Past Member of the board of directors.
- City representative to the Contract Cities Association, introduced Performance. Based Contracting for Sheriff Services.
- The 5th Sanitation District. Past Member of the Board of Directors.
- RPV VOICE. Founder and Past Chairman of the Board.
- Rancho Palos Verdes Financial Advisory Committee. Past Chairman & Member.
- San Pedro Peninsula YMCA Indian Guides. Past district chairman.
- Boy Scout Troop 276. Committee Chairman.
- Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners. President.
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- Rancho Palos Verdes View Restoration Commission. Past member.
- Rancho Palos Verdes 2002 Goals Report, General Chairman.
- Rancho Palos Verdes Neighborhood Compatibility Committee.
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- Member of the Save Our Coastline (S.O.C.) Executive/Policy Committee.
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- Chairman of the S.O.C. Election Committee.
- Chairman and Researcher of the Fourth City Financial Feasibility Report.

The number of City projects and initiatives Councilmember Dyda has led or played a significant role in is too lengthy to include here. His dedication to solving the Portuguese Bend Landslide issue has been a particular passion.

In addition to his civic accomplishments, Councilmember Dyda worked 35 years for North American Aviation (now Boeing) and five (5) years for Northrop. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, did graduate-level study in Math, Physics, and Astrodynamics at UCLA, and is an instrument rated private pilot. He has consulted with NATO, the United States Naval Training Devices Center, the United States Air Force, and Flight Safety Inc. Among numerous professional affiliations and accomplishments, he has lectured at Cambridge University and recognized on the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Walk of Fame.

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Potential City Facilities to Rename:

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**CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/26/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

Consideration of an appropriate naming tribute at the Civic Center site to honor City Councilmember Ken Dyda.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

Recommend an appropriate naming tribute at the Civic Center site to honor City Councilmember Ken Dyda.

STAFF COORDINATOR: Matt Waters, Senior Administrative Analyst 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. August 3, 2021, City Council Staff Report (page A-1)
 - B. City Council Policy No. 37 Excerpt (page B-1)
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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

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No final decision was made at that meeting, but potential locations were narrowed. The City Council directed Staff to return with additional information on Grandview Park, Civic Center/City Hall alternatives, or a to-be-determined historical society museum site as possible renaming locations/facilities. These options were considered by the City Council on August 3, 2021 (Attachment A). The City Council, on a unanimous vote (Councilmember Dyda recused himself), approved naming all or a significant portion of the Civic Center site after Councilmember Dyda. The Council directed Staff to have the Civic Center Advisory Committee provide a recommendation on a) what portion (or the entirety) of the Civic Center site should be named for Councilmember Dyda; and b) what the name should be.

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The CCAC's recommendation is not limited to the suggested names or the precise sections of the Civic Center site listed above.

This item is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on October 19, 2021. This schedule affords the CCAC the opportunity to further discuss this item at its regular September meeting if desired.

Additional Information:

City Council Naming Policy

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 - Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District. Past member.
 - Don Wallace Radio Ranch Museum. Co-founder and Past Chairman.
 - Southern California Association of Governments. Past City representative.
 - South Bay Sanitation District. Past Member of the board of directors.
 - City representative to the Contract Cities Association, introduced Performance Based Contracting for Sheriff Services.
 - The 5th Sanitation District. Past Member of the Board of Directors.
 - RPV VOICE. Founder and Past Chairman of the Board.
 - Rancho Palos Verdes Financial Advisory Committee. Past Chairman & Member.
 - San Pedro Peninsula YMCA Indian Guides. Past district chairman.
 - Boy Scout Troop 276. Committee Chairman.
 - Grandview Country Club Estates Homeowners. President.
 - Rancho Palos Verdes Council of Homeowners Associations. Member.
 - Rancho Palos Verdes View Restoration Commission. Past member.
 - Rancho Palos Verdes 2002 Goals Report, General Chairman.
 - Rancho Palos Verdes Neighborhood Compatibility Committee.
 - Palos Verdes Bridge Club. Chairman.
 - Member of the Save Our Coastline (S.O.C.) Executive/Policy Committee.
 - Chairman of the Fourth City Petition Campaign Committee.
 - Chairman of the S.O.C. Steering Committee.
 - Chairman of the S.O.C. Election Committee.
 - Chairman and Researcher of the Fourth City Financial Feasibility Report.

The number of City projects and initiatives Councilmember Dyda has led or played a significant role in is too lengthy to include here. His dedication to solving the Portuguese Bend Landslide issue has been a particular passion.

In addition to his civic accomplishments, Councilmember Dyda worked 35 years for North American Aviation (now Boeing) and five (5) years for Northrop. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, did graduate-level study in Math, Physics, and Astrodynamics at UCLA, and is an instrument rated private pilot. He has consulted with NATO, the United States Naval Training Devices Center, the United States Air Force, and Flight Safety Inc. Among numerous professional affiliations and accomplishments, he has lectured at Cambridge University and recognized on the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Walk of Fame.

Financial Impact

The precise costs associated with renaming these facilities have not been determined for the above-mentioned options but are not expected to be exorbitant or a determining factor. Most of the costs are anticipated to be the replacement of street and on-site signs, and informational material, including entrance signs, rules signs, wayfaring signs, letterhead, and flyers. Staff time would be required to update documents and social media information, the City website, and other information online. Staff can produce detailed cost estimates and associated logistics once a precise location is selected.

**CIVIC CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/09/2021
AGENDA HEADING: Regular Business

AGENDA DESCRIPTION:

Consideration of an appropriate naming tribute at the Civic Center site to honor City Councilmember Ken Dyda

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:

Recommend an appropriate location(s) and name(s) at the Civic Center site to honor City Councilmember Ken Dyda

STAFF COORDINATOR: Matt Waters, Senior Administrative Analyst 

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- A. August 26, 2021, Civic Center Advisory Committee Report (page A-1)
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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

On April 6, 2021, during the City Council's review of City Council Policies, Mayor Pro Tem Bradley expressed a desire to honor current Councilmember and former Mayor Ken Dyda by renaming a City facility in recognition of his tremendous legacy of service. The City Council considered the following options on June 1, 2021:

- Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Sunset Room at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Grandview Park
- City Hall
- Upper Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

No final decision was made at that meeting, but potential locations were narrowed. The City Council directed Staff to return with additional information on Grandview Park, Civic Center/City Hall alternatives, or a to-be-determined historical society museum site as possible renaming locations/facilities. These options were considered by the City Council on August 3, 2021. The City Council, on a unanimous vote (Councilmember Dyda recused himself), approved naming all or a significant portion of the Civic Center site after Councilmember Dyda.

The following potential names and locations were included in the August 3 City Council report.

- Ken Dyda Civic Center
- Ken Dyda Upper Point Vicente Park
- Ken Dyda Upper Point Vicente Park and Civic Center

- Ken Dyda Hall of Administration at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Building (or Offices)
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Administration Wing
- Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall – Ken Dyda Administration Building

The Council directed Staff to have the Civic Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) provide a recommendation on a) what portion (or the entirety) of the Civic Center site should be named for Councilmember Dyda; and b) what the name should be.

The CCAC received a report and discussed various options at its August 26, 2021 meeting (Attachment A). Options included the following:

- The CCAC discussed the possibility of finding a way to honor Councilmember Dyda's devotion to mitigating the Portuguese Bend Landslide but did not identify a way to do so.
- The CCAC discussed naming the Civic Center complex the Ken Dyda Civic Center. Several CCAC members favored this option and mentioned that the shortness of the name would make it easy to say and remember.
- An additional option was to also name the driveway providing ingress and egress to the Civic Center as the Ken Dyda Way. Currently, this driveway does not have a name. The question arose whether this would necessitate a change to City Hall's current address of 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard. This driveway is on City property and is not a public road. Therefore, the City Council could choose to officially name the driveway without affecting City Hall's official address.

City Manager Ara Mhuranian spoke with Councilmember Dyda on August 30 to discuss an appropriate name. Councilmember Dyda was very humble about this potential honor and said he liked both the Ken Dyda Civic Center Drive and the Ken Dyda Way options.

This item is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on October 19, 2021. This schedule affords the CCAC the opportunity to further discuss this item at its regular September meeting if desired.

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CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER: 37

DATE ADOPTED/AMENDED: 01/07/03 (Amended 9/15/09, 12/20/11, and 4/20/21)

SUBJECT: Naming of Public Facilities and Placing of Monuments and Other Memorials

POLICY:

I. City Facilities

It shall be the policy of the City Council to name City facilities in the following manner:

- **General**

The policy of the City is to name facilities in a manner that will provide an easy and recognizable reference to the City's residents and visitors.

- **Geographic Location**

Whenever possible, City facilities will be named for their geographic location. The geographic location may be based on the identification of the facility with a specific place, neighborhood, street, topographic or other natural feature, such as a drainage course, tree or plant species, or historical precedent.

- **Individual/Organizational Recognition**

The naming of City facilities in honor of individuals or community organizations will be a rare event, and will be considered under the following conditions:

1. The individual, a family or a community organization has made exceptional contributions to the City, including one or more of the following: a) financial gifts, b) public service as an elected official, c) public service as a community volunteer, or d) long term sponsorship agreements.
2. There should be a well-defined connection between the contributions of the individual or community organization and the City facility.
3. The significance of the contribution from the individual/organization needs to be evaluated in relation to the impact of the City facility. Individuals and organizations that have made contributions of regional or community-wide significance may be considered for

naming of facilities that serve the entire City. Individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to a particular area or neighborhood may be considered for the naming of facilities that serve these areas or neighborhoods within the City, including recreational and other amenities within City parks.

4. When considering naming a City facility after an individual, a period of at least three (3) years shall have passed following the death of such person to allow perspective and an appropriate period of reflection.
5. Only a current Mayor or City Council Member may nominate an individual to have a City facility named in his or her honor, and the determination will be made by the City Council.

City policy does not preclude additional opportunities for recognition that may be created in the future. For instance, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center is planned to include exhibits that may be funded by individual or corporate donations. Recognition of such donations may include a donor wall within the Interpretive Center, or recognition of a contributor's sponsorship of a specific exhibit.

II. Monuments and Other Memorials

It shall be the policy of the City Council to allow the placing of monuments and other memorials on City properties under the following guidelines:

▪ **Monuments**

Monuments in honor or in memory of persons may be permitted, in rare cases, on City property with permission of the City Council under the following conditions:

1. The person memorialized is closely associated with the area where the monument will be located. The person memorialized is known to, and revered, by a significant number of City residents.
2. The monument design is discreet and unobtrusive and designed to blend into the surrounding area. A small plaque on a large rock (4 cubic feet) would be appropriate. The location of the monument will be determined by City staff with approval of the City Council.
3. Costs of design, installation and maintenance of the monument will be determined by the City and borne by the requestor at the discretion of the City. Only City personnel or City contractors may perform work on City property.
4. The monument is only a marker and is not a place of worship, a cemetery or official gathering place. Flowers, and other memorabilia are not permitted and will be removed by maintenance personnel.

5. The City is not responsible for damage or deterioration of the monument and may remove it at any time for any reason with permission of the City Council.

▪ **Benches or Trees**

Benches or trees in honor or in memory of deceased persons may be placed in City parks, or other City spaces, at the discretion of the City Manager under the following conditions:

1. The bench design, or tree species, will be determined by the City and the location of the bench or tree will be selected by the City.
2. A relatively small plaque (5" x 8"), with inscription or other written memorial information may be placed on the bench or near the tree.
3. Costs of design, installation and maintenance of the bench or tree will be determined by the City and borne by the requestor at the discretion of the City. Only City personnel or City contractors may perform work on City property.
4. The bench, or tree, is only a marker and is not a place of worship, a cemetery or official gathering place. Flowers, and other memorabilia are not permitted and will be removed by maintenance personnel.
5. The City is not responsible for damage or deterioration of the bench or tree and may remove it at any time for any reason without replacement.

III. Wall of Honor

It shall be the policy of the City Council to establish a "Wall of Honor" under the following guidelines:

▪ **Wall of Honor**

The Wall of Honor will memorialize the names of distinguished community leaders who have made substantial contributions to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes under the following conditions:

1. Persons nominated for the "Wall of Honor" shall have been dedicated community leaders who have contributed significantly to the quality of life offered by the City and realization of the vision expressed in the original General Plan. The honoree must have had a significant presence in the community throughout a good portion of their life and should have made notable impacts on sustaining the quality of life of the residents of Rancho Palos Verdes.

2. Persons nominated for inclusion on the “Wall of Honor” will be deceased and will not have been previously honored by other actions of the City such as facilities named in their honor or other memorial.
3. When a person is nominated for inclusion on the “Wall of Honor” staff should consult with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Library District, local historical society or other appropriate sources to determine the significance of the individual's contributions to the community and report these findings to the City Council.
4. Only a current Mayor or City Councilmember may nominate a citizen to be included on the “Wall of Honor.” The determination of the persons who will be included will be made by the City Council.
5. The location of the “Wall” and the format of names and inscriptions shall be established by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has lacked a uniform policy to assist the City Council and to guide staff in the naming of City facilities, including parks and open space areas, buildings, streets and other public amenities. In addition, there have been no formal policies or guidelines for honoring City leaders, nor for memorializing persons whose loved ones simply want to provide a remembrance in the form of a bench or tree.

Although the City has had no formal policy for naming public facilities and sites in honor of persons, there are precedents. Fred Hesse Park and Community Center is named for a City founder, Robert Ryan Park is named for a former Mayor and Councilmember and Vanderlip Park is named for an original Peninsula landowner. There is a GPS monument at Portuguese Point named in honor of Dr. Perry Ehlig. There is a trail below Ocean Terrace Drive known as the McBride Trail in honor of the man who constructed it. There are also three small memorials, one near Ladera Linda Community Center, one at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center and the other near Inspiration Point that honor persons who died prematurely. Finally, there have been numerous requests from individuals to install park benches or plant trees in memory of deceased loved ones, many of which have been granted.

The development of a Policy to guide the naming of City facilities, the permitting of monuments, benches and trees is intended to enable these processes to be conducted in an equitable, objective and consistent manner. In addition, the establishment of a “Wall of Honor” will offer a new formal opportunity for honoring community leaders.