

Renaming of McAdams Pool (District I)



Department of Park & Recreation

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Background



- Pool segregation was prevalent in the mid-twentieth century
- To combat equity issues, a pool was constructed in McAdams Park in 1969
- This pool was designed by renowned Black architect Charles McAfee and received an award from the American Institute of Architects
- Currently, the pool is undergoing renovations as a part of the Aquatics Master Plan Phase I
 - Expected to be operational Summer 2021



Qualifications to Rename



- McAfee advanced racial equality in Wichita at McAdams Park through the design of his award-winning pool
- McAfee established a nationally-recognized architecture firm headquartered in Wichita
- McAfee served as the president of the National Organization of Minority Architects and has been affiliated with many projects receiving honors and recognition



City Council Policy #13



- In compliance with City Council Policy #13, Charles McAfee meets the following requirements:
 - Significant contribution to the City
 - Advancement of racial equality in Wichita
 - Expanded the opportunity for aquatic sports and swimming activities in the McAdams community
 - Primarily responsible for the existence of a Facility
 - Designed the award-winning pool, in addition to many other architectural and urban planning projects



Analysis and Recommendation



- There are no financial or legal considerations
- This item was unanimously approved by the Board of Park Commissioners on June 8
- It is recommended that City Council approve the renaming of McAdams Pool as the Charles McAfee Pool



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