

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: November 5, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3A

APPLICANT: Roger Moellendorf, Parks & Recreation Director

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To recommend to the Board of Supervisors to change the name of the Edmonds Sports Complex to “Pete Livermore Sports Complex.”

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Carson City Youth Sports Association (YSA) and the Parks and Recreation Department are recommending changing the name of the Edmonds Sports Complex to the “Pete Livermore Sports Complex” in to honor of Assemblyman Pete Livermore who died, Monday, October 20, 2014. As the commission knows, Pete had a long history of public service in Carson City, from serving two terms in the Nevada Assembly, to serving on the Board of Supervisors from 1998 – 2010, to serving as a trustee on the Carson Tahoe Hospital from 1995 – 2011, and serving as Vice Chairman of the Carson Water Subconservancy District from 1999 – 2010. Pete was also one of the original supporters of the Quality of Life initiative that has brought critical and sustaining funding for parks, recreation, and open space projects. However, it is for his outstanding support over many years for youth sports in Carson City that the YSA and the Parks and Recreation Department feel he is most deserving of having the Edmonds Sports Complex named after him. Pete was one of the main proponents for building the complex; he helped start the Bobby Sox Softball Association and was the community’s biggest champion of youth sports by serving as the president of YSA for 24 years. As a result of Pete’s devotion to youth sports, Pete has been called Mr. Youth Sports of Carson City.

Attachments: 1) Letter from Greg C. Davis, President of C.C.Y.S.A; 2) Nevada Appeal article dated October 21, 2014; 3) Three articles from the October 26, 2014 Nevada Appeal.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to change the name of the Edmonds Sports Complex to “Pete Livermore Sports Complex.”

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Carson City Youth Sports Association

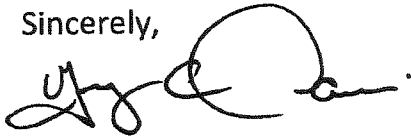
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To whom it may concern,

The Carson City Youth Sports Association unanimously voted at their board meeting on October 22, 2014 to support the re-naming of the Edmonds Sports Complex to the Pete Livermore Sports Complex. We all know the history behind Pete's efforts to make the complex what it is today and we strongly support this effort. We feel the re-naming is very appropriate to honor a person who dedicated much of his life to the youth of Carson City. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this issue and feel free to share this with the Parks and Recreation Board if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg C Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Greg C Davis- C.C.Y.S.A President

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PETE LIVERMORE 1941-2014



JIM GRANT/NEVADA APPEAL

Assemblyman Pete Livermore poses for a picture in his Carson City home in 2010. Livermore died Monday at the age of 73.

Lasting IMPACT

Carson City assemblyman remembered for public service

Nevada Appeal staff report

Carson City's Pete Livermore, whose career in public service spanned more than 20 years, died Monday.

He was 73.

The District 40 Assemblyman announced in January that he would complete his second term representing the capital in the Nevada Assembly, but would not seek a third term. He said that after more than 20 years in appointed or elected public office, "It's time to spend some time for myself and my family."

Sheriff Ken Furlong said first responders were called midmorning to Livermore's home. He died a short time later of an apparent heart attack at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center.

"I am terribly saddened by the passing of my friend, Assemblyman Pete Livermore," Mayor Bob Crowell said in a statement. "I have had the pleasure of knowing Pete since his early days as 'Mr. A&W.' We worked on many issues together in both his capacity as supervisor and later as

Assemblyman, most recently the effort to turn part of the old Nevada State Prison into a museum pursuant to his signature legislation of the last legislative session.

"My heart goes out to his wife, Laurie, and his family. Carson City has lost yet another friend this year. He will be missed."

Crowell was referring to former Mayor Marv Teixeira, who died in June.

"My heart broke today when I learned of Pete's passing. He was one of my father's closest friends," said Matthew Teixeira, Nevada District 1 Umpire in Chief and son of Marv Teixeira.

"They talked practically every day, discussing the three things they cherished most in their lives: their families, their community and their beloved San Francisco Giants. For the past 50-plus years, Pete worked tirelessly to make our community a better place. We all will benefit for generations to come thanks to Pete's selfless civic involvement.

"Carson City lost a great leader today; Pete, you will be missed."

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LIVERMORE

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In addition to his legislative service, Livermore was a past member of the Carson City Board of Supervisors from 1998-2010, a trustee on the Carson Tahoe Hospital board from 1995-2011; chairman of Carson Tahoe Healthcare System in 2010; Land Use Planning Advisory Council in the Division of State Lands, 2007-2010; vice chairman of the Carson Water Subconservancy District from 1999-2010; among others.

"Carson Tahoe is saddened by the loss of Pete Livermore, a trusted friend and part of the Carson Tahoe family for many years," a statement from the hospital said. "He served as a trustee for Carson Tahoe Hospital from 1995-2011, was the board chair in 2010 and instrumental in bringing the regional medical center to fruition. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Laurie, and their family."

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NEVADA APPEAL FILE PHOTO

Assembly member Pete Livermore and his wife, Laurie, in the Nevada Legislature in this file photo.

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"Pete Livermore was a Carson City icon and my friend," said Ronni Hannaman, executive director Carson City Chamber of Commerce. "I always loved to talk to him about the early days in Carson City when he owned the A&W Restaurants and was involved in youth sports. His legacy as the father of youth sports can be found off Livermore Drive at the Edmonds Sports Complex. He made a difference in this community and will be sorely missed. My heart goes out to Laurie and his family."

Livermore was born in New

Orleans, Louisiana, in 1941. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958-1962. He came to Carson City after he was discharged from Pickel Meadows military training center in Northern California and opened an A&W Restaurant on Carson Street a few blocks south of the Capitol in the 1960s. Many in Carson remember him in that role and for many, their first job was as a teenager at that store.

"He played a big role in the lives of generations of young people in town, either through his A&W franchise, which was the place to be, or as president of the Carson Youth Sports Association," said Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev.

He later opened another A&W on Highway 50 East near Carson High School.

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friends of mine since high school and I am sad to hear of his passing," said Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev.

Livermore is survived by his wife, Laurie, children Richard, Sheri and Jackie and several grandchildren.

"His legacy touched the lives of countless families across Northern Nevada through his commitment to youth athletics and public service," said Gov. Brian Sandoval. "I had great respect for Pete and his passion for helping others. He always brightened everyone's day with his attitude, smile and kindness. His contributions to the community and the Silver State will be felt for generations."

He is the third Assembly member to die in office in just over one year. Democratic Assemblyman Joe Hogan died Friday in Virginia, about seven weeks after suffering a massive stroke. He was 77.

Democratic Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce, 59, died Oct. 10, 2013, after a battling a third bout of breast cancer.

"Pete was one of the good guys around here — an everyman turned elected official who always did what he thought was right for his constituents," said Guy W. Farmer, long-time Nevada Appeal columnist. "He also had an inspiring personal story, from the time he was a Marine serving at Pickle Meadows, who fell in love with a local girl from Carson. Later, he became a successful businessman before he ran for office. We'll miss our friend Pete."

Services have not yet been announced.

COMMENTARY

Livermore: The 'Everyman' of Carson City

How do you start a column about our late friend, Assemblyman Pete Livermore, who died from a sudden heart attack last Monday? Do you talk about Pete the person, Pete the businessman or Pete the politician? I'll start with Pete the person, who lived the American Dream.

I didn't know Pete during my first tour of duty in Carson during the 1960s, but I knew several Marines from the cold weather training detachment at Pickle Meadows near Bridgeport, Calif. That's where New Orleans native Pvt. Pete Livermore was stationed before he mustered out of the Marines and moved to Carson to marry his lovely bride Laurie, a local girl. They were sweethearts for more than 50 years; it was an all-American love story.

Pete and Laurie invested in an A&W Root Beer franchise in Carson during the 1960s and it was a popular high school hangout. In fact, unbeknownst to me until much later, my son dated their daughter back in the day. Pete and Laurie soon began to support youth sports and he served as president of the local Youth Sports Association from 1988 until 2012.

Among other achievements, the Livermores were instrumental in construction of the Edmonds Sports Complex. I could relate to that project because I had coached Little League Baseball here in the 1960s, when we played our games on the Bordewich-Bray School baseball diamond. At that time I recruited a couple of Pickle Meadows Marines as Little League umpires. They did a great job and my late wife Consuelo, who loved Marines, invited them home for Thanksgiving dinner. Years later, we always befriended our Embassy Marines.

Some have labeled Pete as "Mr. Carson City," but I think he'd have to contest that title with former Mayor Marv Teixeira and current Mayor Bob Crowell. I prefer to think of Pete as the "Everyman" of Carson City business and politics. He knew who he



Guy W. Farmer

was and never put on airs; in fact, he wouldn't have known how to put on airs. What you saw is what you got. As a politician he always tried to do what was right for his constituents and for Carson City, and as a fiscal watchdog on the Board of Supervisors, he opposed frivolous spending proposals; later, he played the same role in the Assembly.

"How am I doing, Guy?" he'd ask during our Monday encounters at Grandma Hattie's. "Just fine, Pete," I'd reply, but we didn't try to lobby one another. I respected him as an elected official and he respected me as an independent observer of the local political scene. As time went on, I got to know him and Laurie better through shared dinners at the home of mutual friends. We compared notes on his service in the Marines and mine in the Air Force. My service was less stressful because we didn't have to crawl around in the mud and run through barbed wire.

Pete the politician was transparently honest and accessible to everyone and all points of view, admirable qualities in today's polarized politics. That's why he has received so many heartfelt tributes from political opponents. One anecdote: I remember when one of his opponents accused him of wearing expensive suits, but that silly accusation quickly backfired because Pete wasn't known as a fashion plate. His usual dress code was Carson City Casual featuring a colorful Nevada 150 windbreaker.

Pete Livermore was an all-American success story, someone who made it on his own through hard work while maintaining a high moral code and traditional family values. Semper Fi! Pete. You've only been gone six days and we think of you every day.

Guy W. Farmer is a 52-year resident of Carson City.

10/26/2014

SILVER DOLLARS AND WOODEN NICKELS

Carson will never forget Pete Livermore

The Nevada Appeal's Silver Dollars & Wooden Nickels feature recognizes achievements from the capital region and, when warranted, points out other acts that missed the mark.

SILVER DOLLAR: For the past week, we've all been saying what can be said about **Pete Livermore**, who died at the age of 73 on Monday. We're saying that because so much could be said about Livermore. He did so much and meant so much to Carson City. And since one of the areas in which he did so much for Carson City came in youth sports, we have a suggestion: Name the Edmonds Sports Complex softball fields after Livermore. That would be appropriate since Livermore played such a huge role in the development of Edmonds Park. That's just one idea, but soon let's make sure at least some of our youth are playing at Pete Livermore Field or Fields somewhere in the community.

SILVER DOLLAR: To Nick Bowler, who's well on his way to becoming an



Eagle Scout, for being invited to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where he reached an elevation of 12,444 feet in his mountain climbing experience there.

SILVER DOLLAR: To Eddie Tierney, a Carson City Little League all-star, who took the initiative to present a letter to Gov. Brian Sandoval, Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki and Mayor Bob Crowell, requesting them to make an effort to bring the Mountain Ridge Little League all-stars to the Nevada Day Parade on Nov. 1 in honor of the state's sesquicentennial. Mountain Ridge became the first Nevada team to qualify for the Little League World Series and advanced to the U.S. Championship Game in the process. Apparently, Mountain Ridge won't be able to make

it up here, but there's still a week to go, so in the immortal words of Joaquin Andujar, "ju never know."

SILVER DOLLAR: To Gardnerville's Bill Paxson for winning more than \$1 million, playing the Wheel of Fortune slot machine at Casino Fandango.

SILVER DOLLAR: To all those honored at last week's Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation awards ceremony at Mills Park.

SILVER DOLLAR: To the Nevada Department of Transportation for maintaining the current Carson Street/U.S. 50 Junction exit in its freeway construction so travelers will continue to be able to head up to South Lake Tahoe without having to stop at a light. But...

WOODEN NICKEL: A wooden nickel goes to the Nevada Department of Transportation for even considering a light there. We could only imagine the nightmare that would have happened if drivers would have had to stop at a light before turning right on there way to Tahoe.

CARSON CHAMBER NEWS & VIEWS

Pete

by Ronni Hamaman

When you said the name, "Pete," everyone knew you were referring to none other than Pete Livermore, former Carson City Supervisor, District 40 Assemblyman, and long-time Carson City restaurateur.

But, that's not the only role for which he was so highly regarded. You see, Pete was one of those dedicated locals who so believed in Carson City and its youth that he spent many years championing for the best sports fields that so define this small community of ours. He bravely took on the slings and the arrows of those who didn't see things his way and put himself out there to be criticized or lauded.

He was passionate about the things he loved: His wife Laurie, his three children, youth sports, politics, the Nevada outdoors (he loved to hunt in the Ruby Mountains and fish at Lake Topaz) and the future of Carson City. His institutional knowledge about our City went way back and included the unique Nevada

history of his in-laws who had a ranch here.

He was a U.S. Marine who long ago learned how to get things done and not be intimidated. He came to Carson City via New Orleans and served at Pickle Meadows just south of the California/Nevada border on Highway 395 South.

While in the Marines, he spent his free time in Carson City where he met Laurie while she was still in high school. He was smitten, and the rest is history.

And, Laurie has been by his side sharing in all his various ventures and political campaigns. He was generous, she was somewhat shy. She was a companion; wife, confidant and friend. She shared in his successes and failures.

His early work history included a stint as a U.S. Postal Worker delivering mail all over the city. He got to know everyone and everywhere. He later bought his first A&W restaurant, soon adding a second. Many teenagers received their first paycheck from Pete and Laurie. His stories were many.



Pete and Laurie Livermore pose after Pete received the Friend of the Chamber honor on June 28, 2013. BEVERLY EISWERT

Father of three, Pete participated in the passage of controversial Question 18 along with other dedicated volunteers and worked hard to oversee the youth sports program until his recent retirement. He was proud of his role in the development of the Edmonds Sports Complex. His work on that project was recognized by naming the road leading to the complex after him.

He loved politics – the good, the bad, and the ugly. He voted as he believed and made Carson City a better place. He was vastly respected by those who knew him, and criticized by those who didn't know him. He didn't shy away from controversy, in fact, he welcomed it.

He made it a point to listen to his constituents. If you didn't agree with his point of view, he had a knack of convincing you why he thought his vote

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was the right vote for the people. He had no conflicts of interest. He voted his conscience and was not easily swayed by political pressure. His interest was always the betterment Carson City.

He had an eclectic group of friends from all walks of life and from both political parties. He was well-connected and usually knew what was going on before anyone else did. His card-playing buddies read like a who's who of local politics and some were, indeed, strange bedfellows.

The Chamber's Leadership Institute Class enjoyed the stories of his rise in politics and the dedication it took to get elected. He received the 2014 Honorary Leadership Graduate award by that class. Typical of Pete, he left the Chamber's annual meeting to see his grandson play ball instead of being honored in person. His family came first.

Pete called me several times a week to "check in." And, my husband and I and Laurie and Pete enjoyed a bite now and then and that is how I learned so much history of this city. He loved to go to the movies and his last phone call encouraged me to see the movie he and Laurie had just seen last weekend. He was my personal movie critic.

He was looking to the future. He put up his long-time home for sale and put

an option on a new home that would take less time and energy allowing more time for his family. He proudly showed me the yet unfinished structure and indicated to me where his favorite jukebox would be placed. He had a fine collection of A&W memorabilia he enjoyed showing off.

Pete treated everyone with respect and genuinely liked people. Not everyone treated him with the respect he deserved. He was an elected official and wielded some power, he would never be part of Carson City's "beautiful" people. He was a hard worker and respected hard working people. He never abused his power. He was, to put it simply, a doer.

Pete leaves behind a major legacy. This young man from New Orleans found his forever home in Carson City and like a New Orleans storm, took this city by storm, never regretting anything he ever did. He lived life to the fullest, always involved, always interested, always with humor and grace. His last phone call to me about an hour before he passed was upbeat giving me the details of his busy day.

Pete now joins three other Carson City icons whom I so admired who shared the same character, charisma and conviction to make ours a better place: Janice Ayres, Dr. Eugene Paslov, and former Mayor Marv Teixeira. None can be replaced.

Rest in peace, Pete, Janice, Marv and Gene. You are missed by this writer. ■