

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 16, 2001

Committee
Report No.

01-19

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Parks and Recreation Committee, having met on January 31, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 99-307, from the Director of Public Works and Waste Management, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to name the War Memorial Baseball Field No. 2 in honor of Toshio "Tata" Fujimoto.

Your Committee notes that County Communication No. 99-307 was referred to the prior Council's Human Services and Parks Committee at the Council meeting of December 13, 1999.

At its meeting of November 15, 2000, the Human Services and Parks Committee recommended that County Communication No. 99-307 be referred to the Council Chair for the term beginning January 2, 2001, for a recommendation as to referral or other disposition.

At its meeting of January 12, 2001, the Council referred County Communication No. 99-307 to your Parks and Recreation Committee (County Communication No. 01-20).

At its meeting of January 31, 2001, your Committee met with the Director of Parks and Recreation and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received testimony from an individual who spoke of Mr. Fujimoto's contributions throughout the many decades of his involvement with baseball. He expressed strong support for the proposed request to name the facility in honor of Mr. Fujimoto.

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The Director of Parks and Recreation reported that after the Council passes a bill naming public facilities, the Department erects a sign identifying the facility by its newly-given name. However, because concerns have been raised about which individuals or organizations are more deserving of the honor, the Department is contemplating alternatives to the signage at parks. One alternative is to use plaques listing several names of individuals who have contributed in some way.

Your Committee acknowledged the concerns; however, it recognized that the signage at parks is an administrative matter which should be addressed by the Administration. Your Committee requested a written legal opinion from the Department of the Corporation Counsel on whether Chapter 2.38 of the Maui County Code relating to the Commission on Naming Streets, Parks, and Facilities applies to the Council.

Deeming Mr. Fujimoto as well-deserving of the honor, your Committee recommended the passage of the proposed bill.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel changing the year of the bill from "1999" to "2001".

Your Parks and Recreation Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2001), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.40 OF THE MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO NAMES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES" PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 99-307 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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