

Recognition of Michael E. Rodgers at Senior Center in Central Park & naming of the former Senior Outreach Building at 17th Street Park

Huntington Beach City Council
Agenda Item 22-780

September 20, 2022

Background

- On May 11, 2022, Community & Library Services Commission (Commission) approved recommendations to City Council:
 - To formally name the parkland located at 1706 Orange Avenue as "17th Street Park"
 - To formally name the former Outreach Building as the "Michael E. Rodgers Clubhouse"
- On June 7, 2022, City Council:
 - Approved the naming of 17th Street Park
 - Directed staff to further evaluate recognition opportunities for Michael E. Rodgers at the Senior Center in Central Park and for veterans at the former Senior Outreach Building at 17th Street Park



SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 9/20/2022

Agenda Item No.: #26(22-780)

Recognition of Michael E. Rodgers

- On June 22, 2022, the Park Naming & Memorials Committee:
 - Toured the Senior Center in Central Park for potential areas to formally recognize Michael E. Rodgers

- On July 20, 2022, Commission:
 - Conducted a study session in order to deliberate recognition opportunities
 - Reached consensus that the central hallway wall outside of the game room would be the best potential naming opportunity, due to its open visibility and high daily traffic

- On August 24, 2022, Commission:
 - Approved the recommendation to City Council to formally dedicate the central hallway in recognition of Michael E. Rodgers



Recognition of Michael E. Rodgers



Proposed area for recognition of Michael E. Rodgers



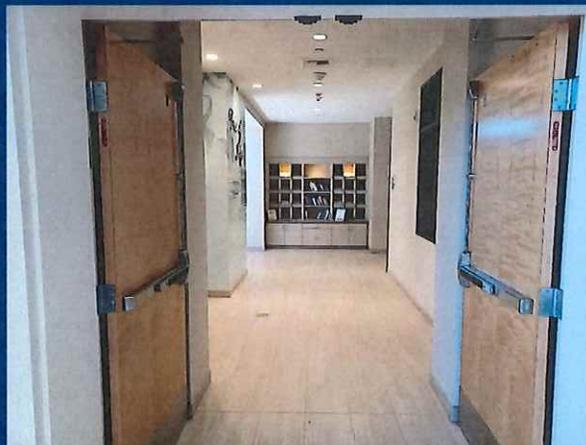
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Game Room



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Central Hallway



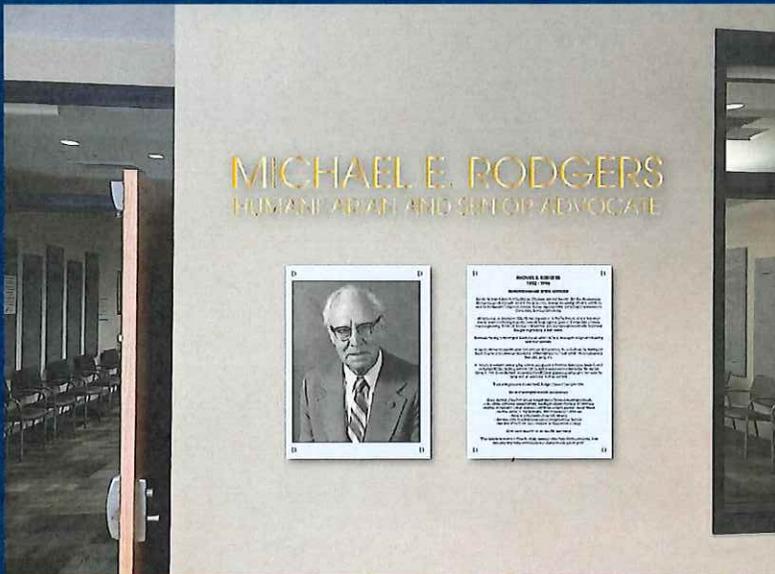
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Adjacent Evergreen Donor Wall



Recognition of Michael E. Rodgers



Rendering of Signage and Plaques (not to scale)



Recommended Action

- Approve to formally dedicate the central hallway wall at the Senior Center in Central Park in recognition of Michael E. Rodgers
- If approved, staff will follow appropriate steps for approval of final plaques and historical content to be included



Former Senior Outreach Building

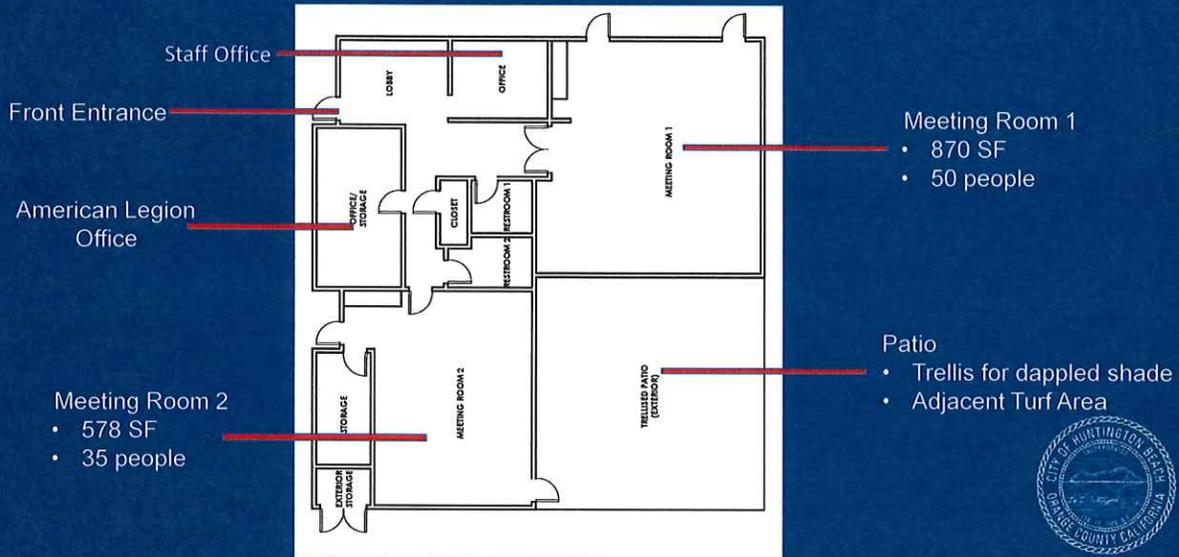


Park and building improvements under construction

- 2623 SF (Building)
- 13 Parking Stalls
- 2.13 Acres Total



Former Senior Outreach Building



Former Senior Outreach Building

- On July 20, 2022, staff also provided Commission information and options regarding naming of the building at 17th Street Park
- Based on City Council discussion referencing recognition of veterans, these options were discussed:
 - Veterans Hall
 - Veterans Community Hall / Building / Clubhouse
 - Veterans Memorial Hall / Building / Clubhouse
 - Huntington Beach Memorial Hall / Building / Clubhouse
 - Memorial Community Hall / Building / Clubhouse



Former Senior Outreach Building

- Staff explained that a “Memorial Hall” previously existed in Huntington Beach, and from 1923 – 1974 was the first home to American Legion Post 133 (Legion)
 - The Legion was the main resident and manager of the second-floor, while the first floor was used for various general community gatherings
 - Commission reached a consensus that including the word “Community” in the name would properly reflect the multiple uses of the building and avoid confusion



Former Senior Outreach Building

- Discussion ultimately narrowed down to two options:
 - Memorial Community Hall
 - Veterans Community Hall
- At the August 24, 2022 Commission meeting there were public comments from members of the Legions advocating for “Memorial Hall,” and residents advocating for “Memorial Community Hall”
 - With a 7-2 vote, Commission approved to recommend City Council formally name the former Senior Outreach Building as Memorial Community Hall



Recommended Action

- Approve to formally name the former Senior Outreach Building at 17th Street Park as “Memorial Community Hall.”

