

October 26, 2021

Ms. Ericka Burnett, City Clerk
222 West Main Street
3rd Floor
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Ms. Burnett,

This is a request pursuant to section 2-3-3, Naming City Property.

The two groups named below, as well as many private citizens, are asking that this request be honored in the naming of a single tennis court (Court 7) that is part of the larger property known as the Roger Scott Tennis Center. If this request is honored, a plaque of durable quality, measuring 3' x 2', will be attached to the fence at one end of Court 7. A prototype picture of the proposed plaque is attached.

The person for whom the court would be so named is Mario Alvarez. Based on a local or national stage, there are very few Pensacola players, past or present, who are more deserving of this honor.

Mario started playing tennis around 1967, while in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Hawaii. By 1976 he was mastering the game, and as such was made a member of the All-Navy Tennis team. He competed alongside other notable Pensacola residents such as Ralph "Skeeter" Carson (The tennis facility at The University of West Florida is named in his honor).

In the mid-1980's, while the resident Tennis Pro at NAS Pensacola, Mario began hosting monthly tennis tournaments at the base. These tournaments were well received, and over the years have transitioned to the courts at Bayview Park, and are still as popular a tournament as ever after 3+ decades.

Mario has been a teaching pro for over 40 years. He has impacted thousands of people with his common-sense approach to the game. Mario's heart is all about giving back to the community, through programs such as:

- Special Olympics
- Pollack Kids & Wheelchair Tennis
- Tennis Across America
- Racquet Round-Up

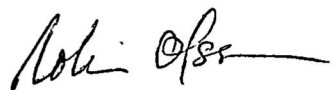
Due to Marios lifelong involvement in teaching tennis professionally over the years, he was awarded the 'Lifetime Member of the USPTA' by the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Mario has helped MANY junior ranked tennis players earn scholarships to various colleges & universities, and has assisted local high school teams to win district competitions.

Mario is the last actively playing, founding member of the Under The Hill League at the Roger Scott Tennis Center. He initially served on the Executive Committee, then as a captain & player. In the 33 years that this league has existed, part of the leagues overall success was having Mario's leadership & enthusiasm ever-present. At **82 years old**, he is still on the court every Monday of every UTHL session, competing, teaching and inspiring those around him.

Annually, Mario is still active in helping & playing in the Senior Games, at both the Local & National levels. His highest Senior Games national ranking for his age group was #6 in Singles & #1 in doubles.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing the tennis community to give due & well-deserved respect to one of its own.



(Needs Signature)

Robin Olsson
Director, the Over 50 But Under the Hill League
A Tennis League for Senior Men



(Needs Signature)

Terry Thrash
USTA FL Tennis Ambassador
President, Greater Pensacola Tennis Assn.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 34-14

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AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 2-3-3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR NAMING CITY PROPERTY IN RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Section 2-3-3 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, Florida, is hereby created to read:

Sec. 2-3-3. Naming City Property.

- (a) Intent of Criteria. The criteria provided herein are intended to provide an identifiable process which citizens may utilize to propose the recognition of individuals who have made a significant contribution to the city, region or nation and whose memory may be honored by the designation of their name and achievements associated with a structure, street, park or other public place in the City of Pensacola. Such individuals may be City residents, historic figures, former elected officials or former City employees whose work, actions or life has made a significant contribution to the community or society. Consideration of such recognition will be made by the City Council without reference to such immutable characteristics as race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age or disability. These criteria are intended to be flexible so that there will be an opportunity for recognition of any individual deserving of such, who may not meet all of the objective criteria contained herein. In addition, the City Council recognizes that many of the facilities of the City have established interest groups such as neighborhood associations or other affinity groups, and it is the intent of the Council to solicit input from all such interest groups when appropriate.
- (b) Criteria.
- i. Parks may be named after streets, geographical locations, historical figures, events, concepts or as otherwise determined by the City Council.
 - ii. Parks may be named for individuals or groups that have made exceptional contributions to the Pensacola community.
 - iii. Parks may be named for an historical figure or an individual or family or organization that has made a significant land, monetary or service contribution to the acquisition of the property, park

system or the community in general. These may include the names of early residents or citizens and/or events of significance to the area's history or development which have directly impacted the park's development.

- iv. Current elected officials and currently employed City staff shall not be eligible for consideration until they are no longer in office or have been retired from city service for at least four (4) years.
- v. In order to accommodate the interest in recognizing or honoring individuals deserving such recognition or honor, the City Council may elect to honor individuals by the erection of informational signage or plaques at a particular facility, structure or portion thereof, without naming the entire park, structure or facility after one individual or preempting the opportunity to recognize more than one person's achievements or contributions. However, the renaming of a park, structure or facility from one name to another will be discouraged and accepted only for exceptional reasons.

(c) Procedure.

- i. Members of Council or other individuals or groups that propose to name or rename a park, structure, facility or portion thereof must submit a letter to the City Clerk with sufficient information or evidence to support a naming or name change. The Clerk shall forward a copy of the letter to the offices of the Mayor, the City Council President and the Director of Neighborhood Services. If a renaming is being proposed, the letter must document why the existing name no longer holds any historical significance, or otherwise why the existing name is no longer appropriate.
- ii. If the property or facility under review is within the purview of the Parks and Recreation Board, that Board will review such request and discuss the request at a meeting of the Board. Following Board consideration, the Board will make its recommendations to the City Council. If the property or facility under review is within the purview of another organization or board, that organization or board will be given the opportunity to consider the request for naming or renaming and make its recommendation to the City Council.
- iii. The City Council will make the final decision on all naming or renaming requests.

SECTION 2. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provision or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extend of such conflict.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: September 11, 2014

Approved: *Jewel Annunzio*
President of the City Council

Attest:

Cricka L. Burnett
City Clerk

CITY OF PENSACOLA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS his friends and colleagues gather today to honor Mario Alvarez for his immense impact on Northwest Florida's tennis community, and

WHEREAS, Mario Alvarez has, over the course of over 40 years, taught & inspired thousands of local tennis players as a tennis professional, and through his involvement with such organizations as: Special Olympics, Pollack Kids & Wheelchair Tennis, Tennis Across America & National Senior Games, sharing selflessly, to those old & young, the joy of tennis, and the camaraderie that comes with sport, and

WHEREAS, Mario Alvarez worked to help establish the Over 50 But Under The Hill League (known today as the Under The Hill League), attracting well over a thousand players (in its' 33 years of existence) aged 50 and over to re-ignite their love of the game and to grow the sport among senior men in the area, along with Captaining teams through the years and acting as Executive Council & Captain throughout the years,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, _____, Mayor of the City of Pensacola, do hereby proclaim _____, 2021, as

MARIO ALVAREZ DAY

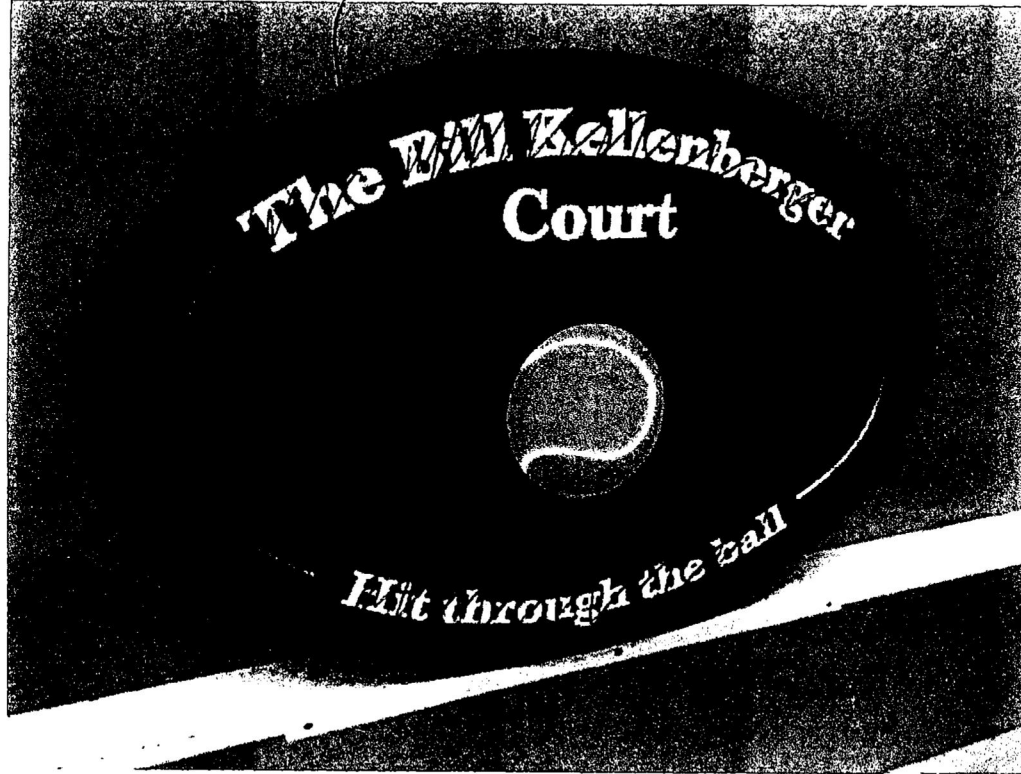
In the City of Pensacola, Florida.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal to be affixed this ___ day of _____ in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Mayor

Proposed Plaque Style - 2'x3'

The Mario Alvarez
Court.



Mr. Robin Olsson
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To: Ms. Erika Burnett
Clerk, City of Pensacola

RE: Mario Alvarez

Attached is a request for a naming opportunity. I have included for your convenience a copy to go to the mayor, the President of the City Council, and the Director of Neighborhood Services.

If anything else is needed, please contact me and I will see that what you need is furnished to you quickly.

Thank you for your service and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Olsson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robin Olsson
10/26/21