



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00317

City Council

4/8/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council President Jared Moore
Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

NAMING AND DEDICATION COURT 13 AT ROGER SCOTT TENNIS CENTER IN HONOR OF
BRUCE CATON

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation to name and dedicate Court 13 at Roger Scott Tennis Center in honor of Bruce Caton.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Bruce Caton has twice served as the Director of Roger Scott Tennis Center, with the last stint serving for 12 years. During his tenures, he was the first Director in the center's 52-year history to make the center profitable. Under his guidance, Roger Scott Tennis Center received USTA's Florida Facility of the year in 2007 and 2015 and was named Tennis Industry Facility of the year in 2011.

Bruce was vital in building the center's current clay courts and was always looking for ways to build at least four (4) more courts. Bruce has directed over 150 tournaments, with two of his favorites being the Junior Thanksgiving Tournament and the Pink Ribbon Tennis Tournament. Other accomplishments include:

1985 - Organized and directed the Coca-Cola Junior Invitational which was recognized as the USTA Florida Tournament of the year

2008 - Inducted into the Pensacola Sports Hall of Fame

2013 - USPTA District 1 Professional of the Year

2014 - Nominated as the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Big Brother of the year

With over 50 years as a lover for tennis, Bruce continues to serve the tennis community as an instructor.

The name Bruce Caton is synonymous with the Roger Scott Tennis Center.

PRIOR ACTION:

March 18, 2021 - Parks and Recreation Board approved the recommendation to name Court 13 in honor of Bruce Caton

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Any cost related to this item will be borne by the Parks and Recreation Department and/or through private donation.

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) 3/18/21 Parks & Recreation Board New Business Item - Tennis Court Naming Form - Bruce Caton
- 2) 3/18/21 Parks & Recreation Board New Business Item Tennis Court Naming Letter - Bruce Caton

PRESENTATION: No