



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 21-00318

City Council

4/8/2021

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Jennifer Brahier

SUBJECT:

NAMING AND DEDICATING A TENNIS COURT AT ROGER SCOTT TENNIS CENTER IN HONOR OF TERRY KELLEN

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation to name and dedicate a tennis court at Roger Scott Tennis Center in honor of Terry Kellen

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In 1976 there was no organized tennis play in the Pensacola area; Terry Kellen sought to create a competitive ladder at Roger Scott Tennis Center. She was the first president of the Scott Women's Tennis Association (SWTA). In 1978, after a meeting at Terry's home, the intercity league was created; this league had teams from Gulf Breeze, Pensacola Racquet Club, Pensacola Athletic Club, Pensacola Country Club, Naval Air Station and Santa Rosa Shores. The league became the Greater Pensacola Ladies Tennis League (GPLTL), with Terry serving as the first president of the GPLTL.

Today there is a very active ladies tennis community in the Pensacola area; the GPGTL manages more than 900 women-members playing weekly matches in nine flights scheduled Monday-Friday at courts in Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Holly by the Sea, and in Alabama at Gulf Shores and Orange Beach.

Due to Terry Kellen's desire to play fun but competitive tennis, the growth of ladies' tennis in our area has brought and sustained economic growth with team clinics and private lessons for the clubs and the pros since its inception. In her 90's and no longer actively playing the sport she loved and championed, now is the time to honor Terry Kellen with the naming and dedication of a court at Roger Scott Tennis Center.

PRIOR ACTION:

February 18, 2021 - Parks and Recreation Board approved the naming and dedication of a tennis court at Roger Scott in honor of Terry Kellen.

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) 2/18/21 Parks & Recreation Board New Business Item - Tennis Court naming letter - Terry Kellen
- 2) 2/18/21 Parks & Recreation Board New Business Item - Tennis Court naming form - Terry Kellen

PRESENTATION: No