

**City of Wichita
City Council Meeting
July 7, 2020**

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
SUBJECT: Renaming of McAdams Pool (District I)
INITIATED BY: Department of Park & Recreation
AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Rename McAdams Pool as the Charles McAfee Pool.

Background: Swimming pool segregation was prevalent in the mid-twentieth century. In 1969, a swimming pool was constructed in McAdams Park that more equitably distributed aquatic facilities across Wichita. It was created by the well-known black architect Charles McAfee who founded McAfee Architects in 1963. The design of the pool received an award from the American Institute of Architects in 1970. McAfee Architects has headquarters in Atlanta, Dallas and Wichita still today.

McAdams Pool is currently under renovation as a part of Phase I of the Aquatics Master Plan. The pool is expected to be operational in summer 2021.

Analysis In compliance with City Council Policy #13 on Naming of Public Facilities and/or Land, the Board of Park Commissioners is acting as the Naming Committee under that policy in considering a proposal to rename the swimming pool at McAdams Park as the “Charles McAfee Pool.” In accordance with the requirements of Policy #13, Charles McAfee qualifies to be distinguished by the following observations: Mr. McAfee advanced racial equality in Wichita through the design of an award-winning pool in McAdams Park; he established a nationally-recognized architecture firm in the community; and served as the president of the National Organization of Minority Architects. Mr. McAfee’s contributions to Wichita and the field of architecture merit the renaming of McAdams Pool to honor him and his legacy. In June 2020, the issue of renaming McAdams Pool was presented to the Board of Park Commissioners and received unanimous support.

Financial Considerations: None.

Legal Considerations: None.

Recommendation/Actions: It is recommended that City Council approve the renaming of McAdams Pool as the Charles McAfee Pool.

Attachments: None.