

To: Saginaw City Council

From: Kelly Stewart

Address: 404 Mustang Drive, Saginaw, Texas 76179 (I have lived in Saginaw for 27 years)

Item: Re-naming the Community Center to the Joyce Spindor Community Center.

Saginaw City Council Members,

The information I have attached is to justify renaming the Community Center to the Joyce Spindor Community Center. I presented this proposal to the Parks Advisory Board on November 15, 2021. It was passed unanimously with 5 members present.

I have enclosed the following:

1. 'Resolution No. 2007-06 which establishes the criteria and guidelines for the naming of public parks, facilities, and any parts thereof.' Last page -- Basic Criteria.
2. Letters of Recommendation:
 - a. J.D. Johnson (Mayor 1980 – 1988)
 - b. David Flory (Mayor Pro-Tem - 2017)
 - c. Gary Brinkley (Mayor 2006-2017)
 - d. Monte T Nichols (Mayor 1994 – 2000)
 - e. United Methodist Church
 - f. Kelly Stewart
3. I have summarized 15 articles. The actual articles are in three envelopes.
4. Information from others
5. Just a few more facts
6. Closing

The above information proves that Joyce Spindor deserves this honor.

Thank you for your time,



Kelly Stewart

RESOLUTION

NO.2007-06

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS ESTABLISHING CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR THE NAMING OF PUBLIC PARKS, FACILITIES AND ANY PARTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw owns and operates numerous public parks and facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to recognize exemplary public service, tenure and/or commitment to the community, the City Council desires to establish a program whereby public parks and facilities may be named in honor of individuals of distinction; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide uniformity and instill order in the naming procedure, the City Council desires to develop criteria and guidelines for the naming of parks and facilities after individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this resolution is to provide uniformity and instill order in the procedure of naming City-owned parks and facilities through the adoption of criteria and guidelines governing the same. In furtherance of such purpose it is hereby declared that the naming of City parks, facilities, and any parts thereof shall be governed by the guidelines contained in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

The naming of City-owned parks and facilities may be initiated and must be approved by the City Council, either on its own initiative or on the recommendation of a member of the public or the City Manager. With respect to the naming of a City Park, a recommendation of the City Advisory Recreation and Park Board is strongly encouraged.

SECTION 3. CRITERIA

In considering the naming of a City-owned park, facility or any part thereof, the nomination of an individual must be based on one or more of the following criteria:

1. A minimum of twenty-five (25) years service for an employee and a minimum of fifteen (15) years service for a Mayor, Council Member, or volunteer Board, Committee, or Commission Member.
2. Significant service contribution to the City.
3. Outstanding leadership in the City.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE

The City Council shall consider the naming of a City-owned park, facility, or a part thereof on a case-by-case basis. Where a motion to name a park or facility is made and seconded, the motion shall be put to a formal vote of the entire Council. Upon the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the Council Members present and voting, the motion to name the park, facility or a part thereof shall take effect.

In the event an individual nominated does not meet one or more of the nomination criteria set forth in Section 3 above, the Council may approve the naming only upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of its members present and voting. The Mayor shall be the sole judge of whether a nominated individual satisfies one or more of the criteria set forth in Section 3 above and thus whether a supermajority vote is required.

Once approved, the park, facility or any part thereof shall thereafter be referred to in the official records and correspondence of the City by reference to the honored individual's name.

The selected name of a park, facility, or part thereof shall be memorialized at the site in question in the manner determined suitable by the City Council. In the absence of specific direction from the City Council the City Manager is authorized to erect appropriate signage as he or she deems appropriate.

SECTION 5. RENAMING PROHIBITED

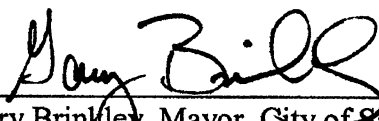
A name, once selected for a public park, facility or a part thereof should be bestowed with the intention that it will be permanent and changes are not permitted pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its date of its passage.

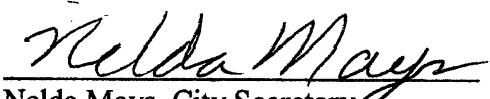
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 6th day of March 2007.

APPROVED:



Gary Brinkley, Mayor, City of Saginaw, Texas

ATTEST:



Nelda Mays, City Secretary

Approved as to Form and Legality:


Bryn Meredith, City Attorney

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS



TARRANT COUNTY

PRECINCT NUMBER FOUR

J. D. JOHNSON
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT NO. 4

February 22, 2022

The City of Saginaw
Todd Flippo, Mayor
333 West McLeroy
Saginaw, Texas 76179

Mayor Flippo:

It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly support honoring Mrs. Joyce Spindor in naming the Saginaw Community Center after her. And with the many, newer members to the city council, I would like to share some of the many contributions Joyce Spindor has made to the Saginaw community.

As we all know, there are times when it is difficult to get citizens/constituents to see the "big picture" when proposing new projects/endeavors. Mrs. Spindor was always a citizen I could count on to help bring the message to the residents. During my tenure as Mayor, she brought the idea of the Crime Watch program to the City Council and worked hard with the police department to orchestrate it. Not only did the program help deter crime in the community, but it also brought the residents closer to our police officers.

Joyce was on the very first Saginaw Train and Grain Committee; serving as the conductor along with Mrs. Yvonne Flippo. Together, they worked hard to create and organize this very successful annual event. The festival brought the community together in celebration of Saginaw and was a huge fundraiser for the city.

When you drive past the park and ball fields on McLeroy, take a moment to look at the Caboose. Joyce worked tirelessly to get it donated and erected in the park. In fact, getting it placed was not easy; she hit roadblock after roadblock. She was successful in the end; her determination is unmatched.

As a member of the Saginaw United Methodist Church, she has been the chairperson for their main fundraiser - The Lord's Acre. And when she is not serving as chairperson, she is still instrumental in getting the whole community involved. She works hard for success in every project in which she participates.

Again, please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Mrs. Joyce Spindor. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J.D. Johnson
County Commissioner, Tarrant County

JDJ:arb

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From: David Flory <flory@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Fred & Kelli Stewart
Subject: Joyce Spindor

Joyce Spindor

I have known Joyce Spindor since about 1970. Although my family has roots in Ft Worth since the mid 1800s, our families' paths crossed many times but it was not until we moved into the EMS ISD that I became acquainted through her boys. First it was James who introduced me to 4H, where she and Elmer played a major roll in the start here in Saginaw. I finished school with James, Fred, Rick & Paul (Tom and Suzy were much younger), and moved away for a short period. Moved back in the late 80's, and was asked to serve on the newly formed Parks Board, Joyce was our city liaison. I worked closely with her for several years in the early development of the parks system in Saginaw. After being elected to City Council, I continued to seek out her opinions on many matters within the City until my service ended in 2019.

I've seen Joyce pour her heart and soul into her efforts to better the City and her support of the Saginaw United Methodist Church for as long as I've known her.

I could think of no better honor for her than to name the Community Center for her.

David Flory

Sent from my iPhone

Gary Brinkley

1011 N. 15th // Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923 // 817.307.7634

September 20, 2021

Saginaw Parks & Recreation Board
333 West McElroy Blvd
Saginaw, Texas 76179

RE: Recognition of Ms. Joyce Spindor

Dear Parks Board;

I have been notified you are performing your due diligence regarding the possibility of recognizing Ms. Joyce Spindor. I have great affection for Ms. Joyce and all she has meant to the city over her lifetime. I served on the City Council for 23 years as a direct response to Ms. Joyce informing me my time as Parks Board Chairman was up and I needed to be on the City Council.

Growing up in Saginaw, you were aware of the Spindor family name for all they did in the community and with 4H in the school system.

I first became acquainted with Ms. Joyce in the early 1990's when I was placed on the Parks Board and she was the city liaison. We had very little money to work with but that did not deter Ms. Joyce from guiding us to the needs and then helping us to find creative ways, (usually us volunteering!) to find solutions. Her love for the city and making it better always came through.

I can affirm Joyce has always been an advocate for the Community Center. In the early 2000's, when we opened the new Rec Center and had invested money in the Log Cabin for the senior citizens. Some of us on the City Council were contemplating shutting down the Community Center and redirecting those funds. Ms. Joyce had us visit the Community Center to see all the activities she had going on, and what would be displaced if we chose to close it. Not only did we leave it open, we found money to address some long term deferred maintenance issues in the building.

Page Two
Ms. Joyce Spindor

Ms. Joyce Spindor has been a contributor to the Saginaw we enjoy today. Recognizing her for a lifetime of dedication to the city would be an honorable thing to do.

Please accept this letter of support from someone who served with her for over 25 years.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Brinkley". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Gary Brinkley

Mayor of Saginaw 2006-2017

November 10, 2021

To Whom it may concern:

This is a note to say a little about Joyce Spindor.

I've known Joyce over 35 years. She has to be one of the most dedicated, busy people that I know. She is loyal to her friends, employer and family.

Joyce doesn't know how to keep her hand down when a volunteer is asked for. And to that end, Annual festivities have to be near the top of her list.

Saginaw days and Grain festivals were blessed with her dedication and participation because she could be found from the presentation, planning and event, working very hard to make the event successful .

I guess Joyce is best known for her many years of work with the Senior Citizens at the Senior Citizen Centers. She always had activities planned for her Seniors and knew them all by name.

I sincerely hope that we can reward Joyce with the dedication of her name to a Building in Saginaw.

The Spindor's have been citizens of Saginaw for many years now and Joyce and her children are very well know here.

Sincerely,

Monte T Nichols

Saginaw City Council
Planning and Zoning Board
Mayor
20 years

This is what we have come up with.

Joyce and her husband Elmer joined with a few other families to start the 4-H in Saginaw.

Joyce was director at the Saginaw Community Center for many years. There she started a quilting group for seniors or anyone who was interested.

She also helped to start a pre-school children's program that later moved to the Saginaw Rec Center.

Joyce was a member of the Sunshine Sunday School Class at Saginaw United Methodist Church.

She served as chairperson for several committees. She serves on Trustees and numerous Administrative Board positions.

Joyce was Chairperson for the annual Lord's Acre and for many of those years donated a handmade set of Raggedy Ann and

Andy dolls as well as many other items she personally made. Her peanut brittle is always a big hit.

Joyce is a member of the quilting group at SUMC. They have made hundreds of quilts for Lord's Acre and quilts for the homeless.

In her earlier years she was The Avon Lady and served in the local schools on the PTA board.

Barbara

(From the United Methodist Church in Saginaw)

December 13, 2021

Saginaw City Council,

Joyce Spindor is the glue that keeps the Thursday Quilters going. She was the President for so long no one knows when she was voted into that position. Two years ago, she told us that it was time for her to step down. She still organizes our Quilt Retreats, and to make 20 or more ladies happy is not easy. We always have a good time and hate to go home. These retreats last approximately four days. She still coordinates many facets of our organization. (I have been a member of the Thursday Quilters since 2014.)

If you need to know something about the Saginaw of yesteryear, Joyce will tell you the story, or knows who to ask. Gabe was trying to find out who the men were in the picture in front of the first volunteer fire station for the mural. He asked me if I could ask around and I did. Joyce immediately knew who two of them were and had a good guess on the third one.

During my research I have found that if Joyce wanted something to happen, she would work very hard to see that it would get done correctly. One of her biggest items was to start a 4-H Club in Saginaw. Joyce and her husband, Elmer along with the Flippos and others got it started. It was an undertaking that they all wanted for the kids of Saginaw to be involved in. If you look at a few of the newspaper articles about the 4-H Club, you will see it was quite successful.

Another huge event was the first 'Train and Grain Festival'. Here again Joyce, along with Yvonne Flippo, Beth Morrison, and Diane Evanger lead the different committees to make the 1st Train and Grain Festival a huge success in 1971. Joyce stayed involved in this event for many years.

Please take time to read the information attached. I have heard from many citizens of Saginaw that Joyce has had a hand in many, many things concerning the city and county.

For all that Joyce Spindor has done for the City of Saginaw, the leadership she has shown, her involvement at the Community Center and beyond, she deserves the honor of the Community Center to be renamed the.....

JOYCE SPINDOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Sincerely,


Kelly Stewart

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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- 1) 1979 MAY 3 THE SENTINEL
Charter member of the Cowtown Cowbellies.
Member of PTA and Room Mother Chairman
Avon Representative
'Mrs. Spendor is an active, concerned woman. As her friends and neighbors will tell you.' "You can always depend on Joyce Spindor to pitch in and help. She has a special enthusiasm"
- 2) 1982 SEPTEMBER (I was given a copy of this article.)
Centennial Cookbook Makes Debut. Joyce and four others compiled 800 recipes. The five ladies were all members of the Saginaw Extension Homemakers Club.
- 3) 1982 SEPTEMBER (I was given a copy of this article.)
Joyce was Cook of the Week.
A member of the United Methodist Church where she served on the Board of Trustees and a member of the United Methodist Women, member of the Saginaw Home Demonstration Club for 13 years.
Active in FFA and 4-H and serves as an Adult Leader.
- 4) 1984 MAY 17 THE NORTHWEST SENTINEL
Joyce Spindor, President of the Saginaw Extension Homemakers Club.
- 5) 1984 OCTOBER 4 THE NORTHWEST SENTINEL
Mayor Johnson cites Mrs. Joyce Spindor as one of the primary causes of the growth of the Crimewatch program in the Saginaw area.
- 6) 1985 May 30 THE NORTHWEST SENTINEL
Volunteered for the for the 1985 Boswell High School Senior Celebration.
- 7) 1988 FEBUARY 18 THE NORTHWEST SENTINEL
Joyce Spendor named director of the Community Center.
*There are several articles attached concerning the Community Center.
- 8) 1990 FEBUARY 8 LAKE WORTH TIMES-SAGINAW RECORD
Appointed as the advisor to the newly formed Parks and Recreation Board.
- 9) 1991 JANUARY 31 TIMES - RECORD
Joyce got the Caboose at Willow Creek Park donated.

10) 1991 JUNE 6 TIMES – RECORD 1991 JUNE 6 TIMES – RECORD

First Train and Grain Festival Joyce, Beth Morrison, Diane Evanger, and Yvonne Flippo were the Steering Committee better known as the 'Engineers'. Chamber of Commerce gave each of the four ladies a plaque of appreciation.

*There are several articles, in a separate envelope, concerning the Train and Grain.

11) 1991 SEPTEMBER 26 TIMES – RECORD

Created the 'Adopt-A-Spot' program.

12) 2002 AUGUST 01 NORTHWEST TARRANT COUNTY TIMES
EM-SISD, August 2002 Election. Joyce was the 'Presiding Judge'

13) 2008 FEBRUARY 8 , NORTHWEST TARRANT COUNTY TIMES-RECORD

Joyce joins the Thursday Quilters back in 1987. She was President longer than most can remember. She coordinated the groups Retreats until last year.

14) OCT 4, 1984

Crimewatch Program, Joyce was sited as one of the primary reason of the growth of the Crimewatch program in the Saginaw area by the mayor.

15) Member of the Chamber of Commerce.

**INFORMATION
FROM
OTHERS**

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- 1) Began the Father-Daughter Valentine Day Dance.
- 2) Initiated many classes at the Community Center. Dance, Tae Kwon Do, and exercise classes.
As I find more, I will add them.
- 3) Initiated a 'Christmas Program' at the Community Center.
- 4) Member of the Tarrant County Program Building Committee. Where she served on various committees and served as secretary
- 5) Vice-President of the Boswell PTA 1981-2
- 6) Worked at many school carnivals
- 7) Helped at Boswell Concession Stands and chaperoned school dances
- 8) Avon Representative (at least 8 yrs)
- 9) Fund raiser for equipment/furniture for the Community Center
- 10) Organized the first annual Auction at her church in 1987 (raised \$6,000)

**JUST A FEW MORE
FACTS ABOUT
JOYCE SPENDOR**

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4-H Club

County 4-H Committee Chairman 1978-81

Held several projects groups for local 4-H as well as on the County level 1980-1981

Judged method demonstrations on the district level 1979

Tarrant County 4-H and Youth Committee 1980-81

Tarrant County 4-H Leaders Association 1972-1981

Local 4-H Organizational Leader and Crafts Leader 1972-1981

Won National Recognition for 4-H Safety Town as organize

Saginaw Extension Homemakers Club (EHA)

1981 was the 'Woman of the Year'

Member for 18 years

President 1970-1971 and 1980-81

Council Delegate 3 times

Held several offices, Vice – President, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman of a group who got County Commissioners to give Proclamation for Tarrant County TEHA Week 1981

In Closing.....

THE MORE I SPOKE TO PEOPLE WHO KNOW JOYCE, THE MORE I AM 100% SURE THAT SHE HAS EARNED THE HONOR TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY CENTER NAMED AFTER HER.

It has been hard keeping this a secret from Joyce. Throughout this process I have asked Joyce about things that I have learned about her. And so far, I don't think she suspects anything. I would like to keep it that way.

Mrs. Joyce Spendor of Saginaw, Texas.....

Her life revolves around her family.

She loves her church.

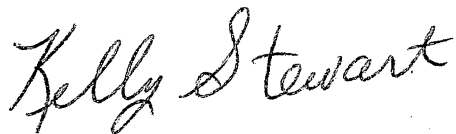
She is an active woman.

She is concerned about Saginaw.

Unsure? Just ask her family, friends, and neighbors.

Thanks again for all you do for Saginaw.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kelly Stewart