



# **Public Comment**

## **Item 4.B**

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**From:** [Robert Bivens](#)  
**To:** [Tracy City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in support to name Multi-Generational Recreational Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 12:08:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [Dr. Nancy B. Young Center Request.docx](#)

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Please see the Attached letter for the 9-7-2025 city council meeting in nomination and support from NAACP Stockton/San Joaquin County, for the new Multi-Generational Center to be Named the "Dr. Nancy B. Young, Multi-Generational Recreational Center."

cc: NAACP Executive Committee

October 6, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Tracy City Council  
City of Tracy  
333 Civic Center Plaza  
Tracy, CA 95376

**Support for Naming the Multi-Generational Recreation Center in Honor of  
Former Mayor Dr. Nancy Young**

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Thank you for your consideration and continued service to the community.

Respectfully,

Bobby Bivens, President  
NAACP Stockton/San Joaquin Branch  
Stockton, CA 95201

**From:** [Stockton NAACP](#)  
**To:** [Tracy City Council](#)  
**Subject:** LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NANCY YOUNG  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 10:30:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [Dr. Nancy Young Building.pdf](#)

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To: Honorable Tracy City Council,

Please see the attached letter of nomination for Dr. Nancy B. Young.

Sincerely,

Bobby Bivens,  
President  
NAACP Stockton/San Joaquin

# NAACP<sup>®</sup>

## *Stockton Branch*

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**From:** [Stephen P Ridolfi](#)  
**To:** [Web - City Manager](#)  
**Subject:** Multi Generational Center  
**Date:** Monday, October 6, 2025 4:57:32 PM

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I have been in Tracy for about 79 years. I have seen Tracy grow and seen many Tracy Mayors come and go, but to name that center after one of the most controversial Mayor we have ever had is ridiculous. I would rather see it called TRAC. Though I would rather see it called, "The Sam Matthew Recreational Center."

Thank you,

Stephen Ridolfi

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**From:** [TAAA President](#)  
**To:** [Tracy City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Parks Department](#); [Dan Arriola](#); [Web - City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Multi-Generational naming on 10/7 Agenda - Dr. Nancy Young PhD  
**Date:** Monday, October 6, 2025 10:26:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [Nancy Young - MGRC May 2025 \(1\).docx](#)  
[Revised Park Naming Policy 22021 Reso 2021013 \(1\).pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon City Council and Parks/Rec Commissioners:  
I am writing for three reasons.

1. The first is that my letter (attached) which was emailed on May 26th was not added to the Parks and Rec agenda until I called the staff the day before the meeting, only to find out that there was some issue going on with the parks and rec dept emails going into spam/junk. IT dept addressed and TAAA letter was given to the commissioners. Had I not called them this would not have been addressed.
2. The second reason is that I attended the parks and rec meeting at the Community Center where I would say that 90-95% of the audience that spoke were in favor of naming the center for Dr. Nancy Young.
3. The third reason is that when the 5 member council had their opportunity to speak 2 of the three spoke in favor of naming after Dr. Young with the 3 against speaking about their personal views of why they think the city should not name a building after a person.

BACKGROUND referencing commissioners who objected to naming after a person.

There are several schools and Parks and Rec Facilities in the city of Tracy named after a person.

Art Frieler, George Kelly, Louis Bohn, Wanda Hirsch, Louis Villalovoz, Melville Jacobson, McKinley, Williams, George and Evelyn Stein, Duncan-Russell, John C. Kimball High School, Lolly Hansen Senior Center, Joe Wilson Pool, Ritter Family BallPark, Clyde Bland Family Park, Galli Family Park, Joseph Tiago Park.

When the Park and Rec staff made their recommendation to the park and rec commissioners they said the order was below. The Commissioners agreed and names submitted to the Tracy City Council for approval were

(1) The TRAC (Tracy Recreation Activity Center) (2) City of Tracy Recreation Center (3) Dr. Nancy D. Young Recreation Center. There was no opportunity for public comment on what the commissioners presented.

I strongly object to the staff at that meeting and to the commissioners' order they put forth. In looking at the agenda for the Aug 7th meeting this is what I found, my math may be off however, what I found for the naming:

48 signed a petition from Veronica Peterson  
Approx 150 signed 2 petitions from Tracy Golden Agers

Tracy African American Association Membership submitted a letter  
41 signed a petition from Rhonda Henderson  
8 residents signed a letter from Tracy Hills Residents  
15 students signed a letter John C. Kimball High School

NAACP Stockton Branch President Bobby Bivens in attendance  
TAAA President Yolande Knight in attendance

I request to speak during the allotted time to address the tally at the parks and rec commission under public comment for items not on the agenda

And to speak for the naming of the item on the agenda.

Please ensure that all 5 city council members receive this email in advance of the public meeting.

Thank you,  
Yolande Barial Knight  
President TAAA

TAAA Letter and Naming Policy attached.  
I call your attention to **Policy Item 1, 2**

1. When named for an individual family or person, strong consideration should be given to:
  - a. The level of involvement and commitment to the Tracy community over a span of years that are sufficient for accomplishments and contributions to have taken place;
  - b. Individuals or families who have been involved in many facets of the community such as through service clubs, civic organizations, school community, multi-cultural events and organizations, elected/appointed positions, military service, church community and non-profit groups; the nature of their involvement should be beyond that done in the normal course of their employment (i.e., voluntary);
  - c. The local significance and relationship of this individual or family to the City of Tracy, or to the parks and recreation systems or programs.
2. Public building, park and facility names should reflect both the current and past heritage and historical significance of the community that is now serviced. Strong consideration should be given to:
  - a. Maintaining names that represent the current and past cultural diversity of the community.
  - b. Any relevant California history that is part of the Tracy community, such as the period covered by the Spanish land grants, Native American tribal history, etc.

**and Procedures Item 1.d**

The Commission shall forward the top three names (In priority order) to City Council for final approval.

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**Yolande Barial Knight**

President

*Tracy African American Association, LLC*



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## *Greetings from the Tracy African American Association!*

The Tracy African American Association (TAAA) is a non-profit organization, established in 1994, that promotes and contributes to educational, cultural, and social activities in our community. We strive to create a cooperative environment that unites people of all ages and backgrounds.

Tracy African American Association Board and its general membership proclaim the nomination of the the Multi-Generational Recreation Center to be named in honor of Dr. Nancy D. Young. Part of the mission of TAAA is to promote and contribute to educational cultural and social activities into the community. This nomination speaks to our mission and this nomination stands to proclaim that we speak in one voice for Dr. Nancy D. Young.

In looking at the "considerations" stated in the nomination for the naming of public buildings, parks and facilities Dr. Young embodies those considerations which are an involvement and commitment to community, local clubs, organizations and the ability to work collaboratively amongst many groups. This criterion is in her DNA. Her ability to communicate amongst all demographics, her level of commitment to the Tracy community and the plethora of firsts that have always been a part of her stands to signify that there can be no other name. Dr. Nancy's MGRC 2025.

Although Young is not a donated benefactor, she was intricately responsible for championing Measure V, which is the main source of funds for the building of this recreational facility and its variety of amenities to the Tracy community and to this very center.

Young has proposed many initiatives and proposals and here are some below:

- Homelessness Ad Hoc for City – (results, opened the first homeless shelter in 2022)
- Financial Sustainability Ad Hoc for City – (results in 2021 passed the first balanced budget in more than a decade)
- Initiative: (Team Tracy, connecting our community)
  - \*Tracy Connects (in association with the Tracy Chamber of Commerce) –  
Founder/chair of annual event to connect the community to resources 2021 – 2024
  - \*Established The Young's Connect Non-Profit to continue the Tracy Connects annual event as of the 5th Annual 2025

The park itself is El Pescadero, which pays homage to the history of the past with the Pescadero Ranches that were originally located north of Grant Line Blvd. This area is the closest to the prominent area where the black population lived a bit north on Clover and Larch Roads which are still in the county portion of Tracy. The closest school adjacent to the park and new facility is North School which is focused on the north side of Tracy. As noted before Pescadero Ranches was northern Tracy and so was the area years later along Clover and Larch Road wherein was the Black community of Tracy.

Nancy Young, while being the first-generation Tracy-ite boasts that all four of her children graduated from West High, and now her grandson is attending Tracy schools. He is the start of a third-generation deep foundation in this city. Of her 19 years in Tracy, she has dedicated 16 of those years to the government and leadership of this community, creating programs, events, and businesses to propel the future of Tracy.

On behalf of Tracy African American Association and its members who unanimously voted at our May 3, 2025 general meeting to nominate the MGRC to honor Dr. Nancy D. Young. Thank you.

*Yolande Barial Knight &  
Tracy African American Membership*

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight

/s/ Tracy African American Association

President

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RESOLUTION 2021-013

AMENDING COUNCIL POLICY D-2, NAMING  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PARKS AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2019, the City Council directed staff to review and revise Council Policy D-2 regarding the naming of public buildings, parks and facilities, and

WHEREAS, On December 5, 2019, the Parks and Community Services Commission discussed the need to amend Council Policy D-2 to include additional criteria, and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Community Services Commission reviewed, approved, and recommended to the City Council an amendment to Council Policy D-2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Tracy hereby adopts the attached amended Council Policy D-2, Naming Public Buildings, Parks and Facilities as recommended by the Parks and Community Services Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution rescinds and replaces resolutions 2004-096 and 2017-179.

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The foregoing Resolution 2021-013 was passed and adopted by the Tracy City Council on the 2nd of February, 2021 by the following vote:


AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ARRIOLA, BEDOLLA, DAVIS, VARGAS, YOUNG

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
CITY CLERK

**Naming Public Buildings, Parks and Recreation Facilities**  
**Policy Number: D-2**  
**Amended by resolution Date: 2/2/21**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a set of standard procedures and guidelines for the naming of Public Buildings, Parks and Recreation Facilities.

DEFINITIONS:

1. "Public Buildings" are City-owned facilities that house employees or are otherwise used to conduct City business. Buildings may include, but are not limited to, the Civic Center, City Council Chambers, and Police facility. This also includes "Support Facilities" that are City-owned facilities that are used to support field operations. Support facilities may include, but are not limited to, the corporation yard and pump stations.
2. "Parks & Recreation Facilities" are all City parks, community buildings and grounds, athletic facilities, open space areas and other grounds and facilities owned or operated by the City for park, recreation or open space purposes.

POLICY:

Consideration for Names:

1. When named for an individual family or person, strong consideration should be given to:
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3. Park names should reflect the geographical significance of the park site's topography or other natural amenities that exist in or near the park property. Strong consideration should be given to:
  - a. Vistas and view corridors.
  - b. Native plants or trees
  - c. Adjacencies to creeks, streams, open space, hills, etc.
4. Public building, park and facility names should incorporate the functionality of the building, park or facility by simply stating its purpose without further description (for example the "John Smith Community Center"), especially, when a specialized facility may be a part of the park such as sports fields, etc. Special features for the park should be considered in the park name.
5. Consideration should also be given to public building, park and facility names that reflect the geographic location or adjacencies to other City facilities or schools in order to avoid confusion about the geographic location of the building.
6. If a public building, park or facility improvement is acquired or constructed by means of a substantial gift, financial contribution or financial donation by an individual, family or corporation, consideration should be given to recognizing the contribution by incorporating the benefactor's name into the facility name.
7. Rooms within public buildings may be named for individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the community such as:
  - a. The individual must have made a significant contribution to the community which resulted in the improved well-being of the citizens of Tracy.
  - b. The individual must have been involved in Tracy community affairs over a span of years that are sufficient for accomplishments and contributions to have taken place.
  - c. Individuals or families who have been involved in many facets of the community such as through service clubs, civic organizations, school community, multicultural events and organizations, elected/appointed positions, military service, church community and non-profit groups; the nature of their involvement should be beyond that done in the normal course of their employment (i.e., voluntary).
8. If a public building that has previously been named is proposed to have its function be moved, or is proposed for relocation, or demolition, or is destroyed through a natural disaster or other act, the City Council shall be provided an opportunity to name the replacement building.

#### PROCEDURES:

##### Parks and Recreation Facilities:

1. The Parks and Community Services Commission shall hold a public meeting that allows for community input and will follow a process for naming parks and recreational facilities that includes:



- a. The Parks and Recreation Director shall receive a naming request from a developer, resident or other interested groups for a new park or new recreational facility.
  - b. Staff will conduct a public solicitation of names (Example: social media & newspapers) for 30 days and submit all names to the Commission for review.
  - c. The Commission shall schedule a regular or special meetings to screen, review, evaluate and prioritize the requests submitted by residents and other interested groups such as developers, the West Side Pioneers, Chamber of Commerce, etc.
  - d. The Commission shall forward the top three names (In priority order) to City Council for final approval.
2. Depending on the special nature, size or location of a park, the Commission may also consider the following ideas for park naming:
  - a. Development of a community-based naming process such as a contest.
  - b. Receive input from an adjacent homeowner's association; receive input from future facility user group as identified through design process.

#### Public Buildings

1. The City Council will form a sub-committee to review and evaluate requests for naming public buildings from residents, interested groups and staff.
2. The sub-committee will bring forth screened, evaluated and recommended selections for authorization by the full City Council at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**From:** [Dr. Minnie Ransom](#)  
**Subject:** Naming of Multi-Generational Recreation Center  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 3:41:54 PM

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Fellow Council Members,

My name is Dr. Minnie Ransom. I have resided in Tracy now for about 18 years. I moved here from Union City and taught in Fremont, CA. I also owned and operated a private school and daycare in Union City. Therefore, I have been on the business side and on the side of serving the community where I have lived.

I have seen firsthand the service that Dr. Nancy Young has been committed to since I have been in the Tracy community. She has served as a dedicated member of the community from the religious aspect to the business communities to help them connect with each other and prosper in the community. She works with different organizations such as The Golden Agers, and Tracy African American Association, etc. to help them thrive.

As a City Council member and Mayor, she worked with the city council to help the council grow and to become a cohesive group working with and for the Tracy businesses and community.

She worked diligently to allocate funds to help bring much needed activities to the Tracy community for all age groups.

Historically, she was the first woman and first person of color to hold the seat of Mayor in Tracy which in itself was a great accomplishment! She deserves the Multi-Generational Recreation Center being named in her honor for her dedicated work in the Tracy community.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Minnie Ransom



**From:** [JimF](#)  
**To:** [Tracy City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Naming of recreation center  
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Council - I would like to go on record as a Tracy citizen, I strongly support option 1 for naming the new multi Gen recreational center” The TRAC” Tracy recreational activity center. Thank you for reading my email.

Jim Freeman

**From:** [Cherie Levasseur](#)  
**To:** [Web - City Manager](#)  
**Subject:** New Rec Center naming  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2025 11:21:02 AM

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Good morning, it is my understanding tonight's council meeting there will be a vote for the naming the new rec center. I am highly discouraging the city to name the park after Nanci Young. This would send the wrong message to the Residence of the city. Nanci Young while in service of the city, caused division, Verbally attacked members of the community during council meetings, threw temper tantrums and disrupted council meetings, she ignored the will of the residents, went against her words.

We want a community center to represent all. Nanci Young represents the opposite. Do not name the center after her. She doesn't deserve that honor.

Cherie Levasseur

Sent from my iPhone