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Jack Browand

From: Judy Noritake <jnoritake@nka-arch.com>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 5:23 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Naming of Miracle Field

To Whom it May Concern:

I wanted to write to offer my support to naming the new field at the Lee Center the "Kelly Cares Miracle Field" in honor of Kelly Swanson and her family. I think it is very fitting. The foundation has done so much for the children, and now adults, in our community that face more than the usual challenges of life. We know the foundation will continue to support similar work. This will be a wonderful addition to the recreational resources of our community.

Judy Noritake

Judy Guse-Noritake, AIA, LEED AP
Principal

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Jack Browand

From: Cyndie Trehitt <ctrew@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 10:19 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Mr. Browand, et al.,

Thanks for the request for comments.

Kelley Cares Miracle Field is a totally appropriate name for the new field, but it is such a mouthful, that I would like to suggest it be called **Kelley's Field**. "Kelley Cares Miracle Field" could be used in formal situations perhaps, but Kelly's Field brings to mind Kelley Swanson, the compassionate, responsible young woman, for whom the foundation is named. Alternatively, it could be named **Kelley Swanson Field**, but I think that the informality of the possessive is warmer and more affectionate even. Kelley did care very much and she was a remarkable young woman, gone too soon. Many other people are now involved in the work and fundraising of "Kelley Cares", but it is the good work of Kelley Swanson which still inspires the efforts of the foundation. It is not too late to honor Kelley's memory by naming the field for her.

Let's call it **Kelley's Field**.

Thank you.

Cyndie Trehitt

Jack Browand

From: sb6a@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:44 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Dear Mr. Browand,

I ask that approval be given to the proposal to name the new field "Kelley Cares Miracle Field". It would recognize the efforts and dedication of many Alexandria residents and friends who have kept Kelley's dream for inclusion of all of Alexandria residents of all abilities in sporting activities.

Steve Barrett

Jack Browand

From: MaryEllen File, Administration <mfile@aft.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: The Miracle Field

Good morning,

I strongly feel the Miracle Field should be called The Kelley Cares Miracle Field.
The Kelley Cares Foundation and all the volunteers have worked tirelessly to see this come to fruition.

The memory of Kelley Swanson should be kept alive for many reasons, especially her focused work and caring for those with special needs. This was a wonderfully caring individual and Alexandria was very blessed to have her as a part of our community.

I hope she will be memorialized in this way and that Alexandrians for many years can enjoy this facility.

Thanks for your consideration.

MaryEllen File
1401 Mount Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22301

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Jack Browand

From: Allen Anderson <alnmich@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 4:15 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

I strongly support the proposal to name the ball field Kelley Cares Miracle Field.

Al Anderson

Jack Browand

From: pmiller1806@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2012 7:50 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Hi Jack:

I write in support of naming the new Miracle Field the Kelley Cares Miracle Field.

It is very well known that the Kelley Cares Foundation has supported many events and things (sensory rooms, mobile sensory unit) for special needs kids. All has been in honor of Kelley Swanson who was headed towards a career helping special needs kids. With her untimely death, this allows her name to continue in a field she wanted to serve.

I strongly support naming the new Miracle Field the Kelley Cares Miracle Field.

Pat Miller

Jack Browand

From: Bill Watts <billw506@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2012 12:40 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Lee Center Softball Field

The field should definitely be named "The Kelley Cares Miracle Field". I have known the Swanson family for many years, since Sandy was head of ASA. Andrew played on my soccer team. My son was very good friends with Andrew, Katey and of course Kelley. That family has done so much for the youth of Alexandria, that it becomes a no- brainer what to name the new field.

Many thanks,
Bill Watts

Jack Browand

From: Jreese3286 <jreese3286@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 10:05 PM
To: Jack Browand; Brenda Holloway
Subject: Naming of miracle league field

Dear Mr. Browand,

I would like to add my request to those you have already heard from regarding the naming of the Miracle League field. My son is disabled and participates in many of the activities provided through the Therapeutic Rec program. He has also loved participating in the Miracle League baseball program. Our family has been very grateful for the extensive fundraising that the KelleyCares organization had done, which has benefitted both Therapeutic Rec and has made the construction of the Miracle Field possible. I would like to request that the field be named in honor of KelleyCares, since it has been instrumental in making it possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Reese
921 N. Overlook Drive
Alexandria, VA 22305

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Jack Browand

From: Robin Harry <rmh287@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 10:37 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Mr Browand,

There is no doubt the softball field should be named "The Kelley Cares Miracle Field." It would not have been possible without the Kelley Cares and Miracle League organizations.

Robin Harry

Jack Browand

From: Dana Lawhorne
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Hi Jack,
I support naming the field after Kelley Swanson.
Dana

Jack Browand

From: Paul Wilson <powilson@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 10:21 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelly Cares

I approve and support the naming of the field Kelly Cares Miracle Field".

Paul Wilson
Kathy Wilson Foundation

From Paul Wilson's iPhone. Cell: 571-435-0330 work: 703-739-0330

Jack Browand

From: Sanden Swanson <swansons7@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 12:13 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: swanson.katey@gmail.com; lindsey.swanson@gmail.com; mtb.swanson@gmail.com
Subject: Re: KELLEY CARES NEEDS YOU City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Name the Lee Center Softball Field to The Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Jack,

My family would be honored to have the new field named in memory of our daughter and sister. Lindsey, Katey and the Miracle League team have tirelessly worked to make this dream a reality.

Resp, Sanden Swanson

From: "Alexandria eNews" <enews58938@enews.alexandriava.gov>

Date: June 29, 2012 9:00:03 AM EDT

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Jack Browand

From: baileyctrs@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:23 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: Carol Bailey
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Jack,

I am in favor of naming the field the Kelley Cares Miracle Field.

Thank you,
Carol

Carol E. Bailey
Regional Manager
S-C Management Corp.

Jack Browand

From: Hall, Anne <Anne.Hall@APORTER.COM>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:30 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Hi Jack~

I propose naming the field the "KELLEY CARES MIRACLE FIELD."
Please add my name to the list.

Anne Hall
Legal Secretary

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Jack Browand

From: Dorn, Ellen <DornE@si.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:29 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Miracle Field Name

I would just like to lend my support for naming the new Miracle Field **"The Kelley Cares Miracle Field."**

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I can't think of a better name for this field. Kelley was so involved in the lives of so many young people with disabilities in our city and gave so much of her time and her talent to the Therapeutic Rec Program. It was her passion. Her face lit up when she talked about the young people that she worked with and helped. If she were alive today, I have no doubt that she would still be working with them. Let's make this field Kelley's legacy. I know that she will be watching over all those people who will be using the field, and cheering them on.

As a 7th generation Alexandrian, I know that we need to recognize the people in our community that step-up and serve those that need it most. This is one way in which Alexandria can do that. Please consider naming this new field **The Kelley Cares Miracle Field.**

Thanks for your consideration of this request,
Ellen Nixon Dorn

Ellen Nixon Dorn
Director of Special Exhibitions
Smithsonian Institution
Tel: 202-633-7421
Fax: 202-633-7424
Cell: 202-369-0209

Jack Browand

From: Ken Granata
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:28 AM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: Katey Swanson
Subject: Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Morning Jack,

I think it is a wonderful idea to name the new softball field the "Kelley Cares Miracle Field", it is a great way to support a local foundation.

Good Fortune!

Ken Granata
Plan Review Services Division Chief

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Jack Browand

From: tracyrickett@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: The Kelley Care Miracle Field

As Kelley's former softball coach, I wholeheartedly support naming the field The Kelley Cares Miracle field.

Tracy Rickett

Jack Browand

From: Laura M. Pettus <LPettus@ntia.doc.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 9:10 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Comments: Renaming Lee Center Softball Field to Kelley Cares Miracle Field

I support the renaming of the Lee Center Softball Field to the "The Kelley Cares Miracle Field." Kelley Cares Foundation has funding, therapeutic care, and equipment for individuals with special needs in Alexandria. By renaming the field, the City will be recognizing the important work of the Foundation and this effort may help to provide additional support for this foundation in the future.

Sincerely-

Laura M. Pettus
2215 Russell Rd.
Alexandria, VA 22301

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Jack Browand

From: Deb Riley <rileydebraann@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Miracle Field

I strongly support naming the new Miracle Field the "Kelley Cares Miracle Field". I have had the great honor of working with Katey and Lindsay Swanson during the past year. The Swanson family has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the therapeutic recreation department and the Miracle League. The field could not have been built if not for the generous contributions and significant amount of work done by the Kelley Cares organization. Alexandria is incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated individuals!

My best,

Deb Riley
703-683-8893

Please update your records with my new email address:
rileydebraann@gmail.com

Jack Browand

From: rivers15@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Re: Name for the Miracle Field at the Lee Center

What are you doing working Sunday morning?????

Bill

From: "Jack Browand" <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>
To: rivers15@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, July 1, 2012 9:53:26 AM
Subject: Re: Name for the Miracle Field at the Lee Center

Thanks

Jack

Jack Browand, CPRP CPM
Division Chief - Marketing, Special Events & Waterfront Operations
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On Jul 1, 2012, at 9:44 AM, "rivers15@comcast.net" <rivers15@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack: I am writing to support the proposal to name the new Lee Center baseball field, "The Kelley Cares Miracle Field". The Kelley Cares Foundation has dedicated itself over the past several years to support the therapeutic recreation (TR) program of the City of Alexandria. It has raised money to fund equipment for a multi-sensory room at the Lee Center; to purchase a multi-sensory van that can travel to the local schools; to purchase a van to transport TR participants; to supply individuals with special needs electronic equipment to enable them to better deal with life; and to provide seniors with locator bracelets in case they need to be found.

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As part of their efforts, they raised the single largest monetary donation from the private sector to help pay for the installation of the Miracle Field. Their donation of \$40,000 was 60 percent higher than any other single financial donation from the private sector. Their level of commitment and support make them a worthy candidate for the field name. I can think of nothing more appropriate for a field for our TR community than for it to be called “The Kelley Cares Miracle Field.”

If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 683-6526.

Thanks,

Bill Rivers

Jack Browand

From: rivers15@comcast.net
Sent: Sunday, July 01, 2012 9:45 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Name for the Miracle Field at the Lee Center

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Thanks,

Bill Rivers

Jack Browand

From: Kerry Donley
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 10:31 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Miracle Field name

Jack

I wholeheartedly endorse naming the Miracle Field in honor of the Kelly Cares Foundation. The foundation has been a major fundraiser for the field, directly donating thousands of dollars, and they have been a major advocate which has indirectly aided private fundraising which has enabled the group to meet the match required for city funding. Additionally Kelly Swanson and the entire Swanson family have been instrumental in the therapeutic recreation programs in Alexandria.

Thanks

Kerry

Sent from my iPad

Jack Browand

From: Kathy Smith <Ksmith@ntia.doc.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: The Kelley Cares Miracle Field

Dear Mr. Browand: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Miracle League of Alexandria's proposal to name the Lee Center Softball Field, located at 1108 Jefferson Street, the "Kelley Cares Miracle Field." The Kelley Cares Foundation's direct support for the City of Alexandria's therapeutic recreation program over the past several years has enabled the city to markedly increase recreational opportunities for the residents of Alexandria with disabilities and to greatly improve the quality of life for us all. Given that the Kelley Cares Foundation has provided both financial and community support for the Miracle Field at the Lee Center, it would be fitting and appropriate to recognize this contribution by naming the field the "Kelley Cares Miracle Field." As a resident of Alexandria, I appreciate the Foundation's contributions to our community and strongly support the proposal. Thank you for your consideration. Kathy Smith