

Meeting Date
July 12, 2016



AGENDA	
Section	Consent
Item No.	II. B. 1

**AGENDA REPORT**  
**BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SUBJECT:	Approval RE: Naming the north Pavilion at Mitchell Ellington Park – District 2  Fiscal Impact: Approval of this action will result in a \$200 impact to the Central Area Parks Operations budget for the sign and installation.
DEPT/OFFICE:	Community Services Group / Parks and Recreation Department

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve naming the north pavilion at Mitchell Ellington Park, "Aneta Ott Pavilion".

Summary Explanation & Background:

Brevard County Policy BCC-58, Naming of County Facilities, II. B. 3. Park Facilities, allows the naming of assets within the confines of Park Property, but not limited to buildings, structures, open spaces, trails, natural areas, community centers, athletic fields, pavilions, recreation areas, boat launch facility, beach access, crossovers and other amenities and features. Park Facilities may be named in honor of a living or deceased individual who has made a unique and extraordinary donation, purchase or other contribution to the County or Partner Agency.

On May 2, 2016 The North Merritt Island Homeowners Association, Inc. (NMIHOA) sent a letter requesting consideration of naming the north pavilion at Mitchell Ellington Park in honor of the late Mrs. Ott. On May 18, 2016 the District 2 Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously in favor of the naming.

Mrs. Ott was a long-time resident of Brevard County spending most of her years on north Merritt Island. She was the founder of the NMIHOA and served as president for many years. She was one of the longest serving members of the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Advisory Board and was also elected to the North Merritt Island Special Advisory Board from its inception until her retirement in 2104. Mrs. Ott supported the creation of Manatee Cove Park and the development of the regional park that ultimately became Mitchell Ellington Park.

Mrs. Ott was an active and important member of the North Merritt Island community as a Merritt Island Mustang Booster, member of the Moose Lodge, NASA employee, and president of Federally Employed Women (FEW). During a volunteer workday sponsored by FEW, Mrs. Ott first discovered Baxley Manor, the housing for seniors on Merritt Island. From that one encounter Mrs. Ott led an effort to supply those residents with everyday items that contribute to dignity and quality of life (i.e. toiletries, food and other essentials). Today, her legacy continues by dear friends inspired by her example.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached : Letter of recommendation from the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association, Inc.

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney    Yes     No     PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager,	Jack Masson, Parks & Recreation Department Director jack.masson@brevardparks.com; 633-2046
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July 13, 2016

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Director

**RE:** Item II.B.1., Approval for Naming the North Pavilion at Mitchell Ellington Park

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 12, 2016, approved the Naming of the North Pavillion at Mitchell Ellington Park as, "Aneta Ott Pavillion".

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Finance  
Budget



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May 2, 2016

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Mr. Jack Masson, Director  
Brevard County Parks and Recreation  
2725 Fran Jamieson Way, Building B  
Viera, FL 32940

Dear Mr. Masson,

The members of the North Merritt Island Homeowners Association would like to remember the life and good works of the late Aneta Ott, who was an active and important member of the North Merritt Island community as well as Brevard County. To that end, we propose naming the pavilion closest to the tennis court at Mitchell Ellington Park in her memory.

Mrs. Ott was a long-time resident of Brevard County and spent most of her years on the north Island. She was the founder and president for many years of our association, representing our members on the important issues of the day, including recreational facilities and zoning and land use. She supported the creation of Manatee Cove Park and the development of a regional park that ultimately became Mitchell Ellington. She was one of the longest serving members of the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Advisory Board/Local Planning Agency and also was elected to the North Merritt Island Special Advisory Board from its inception until her retirement in 2014. She also served on Small Area Plans to bring cohesive development to the North Merritt Island area.

Mrs. Ott was a devoted member of North Merritt Island's St. Luke's Episcopal Church. She was on the church's board of directors and a regular delegate to the diocese's governing meetings in Orlando. She was a Merritt Island Mustang Booster and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Mrs. Ott was an ardent supporter of the Kennedy Space Center and worked her entire professional career at NASA. She worked each and every Shuttle launch with enthusiasm and love. She also was president of the Federally Employed Women. It was as a member of that organization that she found one of her most profound and unsung callings.

It was during a volunteer community workday sponsored by the FEW that Mrs. Ott first discovered Baxley Manor, the housing for seniors on Merritt Island. There she met the residents and realized that they lacked so many of the everyday items that contribute to dignity and a quality of life, including toilet paper! There grew from that one encounter a monthly drive to contribute toiletries, food, and essentials for those in need. Mrs. Ott rounded up family and friends to keep a steady flow of supplies to the residents of Baxley Manor without fail, each and every month. Each year, at Christmas, she made sure that each and every one of her "Baxley Angels" received a Christmas present and knew they were remembered. Today her work is carried on by dear friends inspired by her example.

Aneta was an integral part of our community and left an enduring legacy of selfless service. We would recognize that legacy and thus respectfully request your kind consideration to name the pavilion at Mitchell Ellington Park in her memory.

Sincerely,

Chris A. Cook  
President, North Merritt Island Homeowners Association