



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Edgardo Garcia

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 12, 2018

Approved

Date

9-12-18

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

**SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE AUGUST-DECEMBER 2018 WORK PLAN FOR THE
PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT
COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATION

Amend the August-December 2018 work plan of the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee to add the following item to the agenda for October 18, 2018:

- Hold a public hearing and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the Police Department's request to rename the Police Substation (6087 Great Oaks Parkway) in honor of the late Police Chaplain Dave Bridgen.

BACKGROUND

The Administration is requesting City Council approval to rename the Police Substation located at 6087 Great Oaks Parkway to the ***Chaplain Dave Bridgen Southern Police Station***. Chaplain Dave Bridgen served as a volunteer to the Police Department faithfully for more than 30 years and retired in 2014. He passed away in 2017, leaving a legacy of service to the San José Police Department and broader community.

The Police Department has submitted the required application to the City Clerk requesting initiation of the renaming process. Council Policy 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities establishes policy regarding how, when, and what types of names are to be given to City-owned land and facilities¹.

¹ Council Policy 7-5: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3900>

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ANALYSIS

Council Policy 7-5 requires that a public hearing be held before the appropriate Council Committee or City Commission before the facility naming be considered by the full City Council. In accordance with the Policy, the Administration is requesting that a public hearing regarding the potential renaming of the South San José Police Substation be added to the work plan for the Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee (PSFSS) on October 18, 2018.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Police Department has discussed this matter with sworn and civilian staff, the San José Police Officers Association, and the family of the late Chaplain Dave Bridgen. The proposed name change was presented to the Chief's Community Advisory Board on July 19, 2018. The Chief's Community Advisory Board is comprised of selected community members and officers, including the division captains, patrol supervisors and representatives from the POA. The members supported the name change.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Clerk's Office.

/s/

EDGARDO GARCIA
Chief of Police

For questions, please contact Captain Michael Kihmm, Bureau of Field Operations, Support Services Division at 408-537-1890.

Attachment A: Chaplain Dave Bridgen Biography

Attachment B: City of San José Naming City Owned Facilities Form (completed)

Chaplain Dave Bridgen Biography

Chaplain Dave Bridgen was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 1, 1945, and was a long-time resident of San José, CA. He passed away peacefully on December 31, 2017, after a valiant battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was diagnosed with this dreadful disease in 2010.

Chaplain Dave Bridgen joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive, where he came into contact with Agent Orange. This was the source of his Parkinson's Disease.

After leaving the Army, Chaplain Dave Bridgen returned to Southern California where he met the love of his life, Betty Ruth Clingen. They were married on June 27, 1969 and had been married for over 48 years at the time of his passing. It was during that time that Chaplain Dave Bridgen's sensed God leading him into a life of ministry. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Christian Education at Biola University, and his Master's Degree in Christian Education at Talbot Seminary. Chaplain Dave Bridgen served as a pastor in several churches in Southern California, before coming to Hillside Evangelical Free Church, in San José. In 1981 while serving at Hillside Church, Chaplain Dave Bridgen was approached by members of the San José Police Chaplaincy with the idea of becoming the San José Police Chaplain. At first, Chaplain Dave Bridgen worked as a volunteer part-time Chaplain, while working part-time for the church. A few years later, Chaplain Dave became the full-time chaplain for the Department.

Chaplain Dave Bridgen quickly became a resource for other law enforcement agencies around the country who were attempting to establish chaplaincies for their departments. In addition, he served as the Chaplain for the San José Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and taught at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Dave was instrumental in several major innovations in the San José Police Department. Among others, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Program, the Family Academy for the spouses and significant others of our new officers, and the Community Chaplain program, where trained chaplains respond at all hours to major incidents to be a resource for families and officers in need. In 1999, Chaplain Dave Bridgen was selected as the International Police Chaplain of the Year! Chaplain Dave Bridgen was very involved in the life of the San José Police Department. He could often be seen on ride-alongs or just walking the halls, talking to people from the SJPd family

Not too long prior to Chaplain Dave Bridgen's death, he was having difficulty finding words and while at the VA Hospital, the nurse practitioner told him that she knew it was frustrating for him to not be able to express himself. But in a clear, strong voice, Chaplain Dave Bridgen told her, "I just want people to see God in my life every day."

He was a friend and a resource for the Police Department members, regardless of the time of day. Over the years, many from the San José Police Department's family have seen God in Chaplain Dave Bridgen's life. He was always a great example of a true servant. Until the time of his passing, Chaplain Dave Bridgen's "trademark question" for everyone was, "Is there anything I can do for you?"²

² <https://sjpdchaplaincy.org>



CITY OF SAN JOSÉ

Naming of City-Owned Facilities

NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Chief Edgardo Garcia (San Jose Police Department-Chief of Police)

Address: 201 W. Mission Street, San Jose, CA 95110 **Daytime Phone:** 408-277-4212

Name Proposed for Facility: Chaplain Dave Bridgen Southern Police Station

Location of Facility: 6087 Great Oaks Parkway, San Jose, CA 95119
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)
A police station located in south San Jose.

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.)

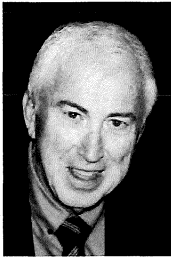
Chaplain Dave Bridgen served the Police Department faithfully for over 30 years and retired in 2014. He passed away in 2017. He assisted any member, family member or retired member of the San Jose Police Department as well as members of the community. He served the police and community in a time of crisis as needed. Chaplain Bridgen was available to any one regardless of religious beliefs. He took part in many departmental functions such as promotions, graduation ceremonies and training; he assisted during times of crisis as well as counseled and supported the San Jose Community. In addition, Chaplain Bridgen assisted families with funeral arrangements and grief counseling. (see attached Bio)

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

FOR CITY CLERK'S USE ONLY

Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

Airport ☐ Arts ☐ Child Care ☐ Disability Advisory ☐ Historic Landmarks ☐
Library ☐ Parking Advisory ☐ Parks & Recreation ☐ Senior Citizens ☐ Youth ☐
Other _____



Rev David Arnold Bridgen

June 1, 1945 – December 31, 2017

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