



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 18, 2008

SUBJECT: Little League request to rename Camarena Field #2 to Dustin Pedroia Field

Report in Brief

The Executive Board of Woodland Little League has submitted a proposal to the City of Woodland to change the name of Camarena II baseball field to Dustin Pedroia Field. This request was submitted by the Little League in recognition of Mr. Pedroia being named Rookie of the Year for the American League and the associated donation of \$20,000 by Major League Baseball to Woodland Little League as the charity of Mr. Pedroia's choice. Because of the donation and the community recognition generated by Mr. Pedroia's accomplishments, Woodland Little League believes the request to rename the field is appropriate. This request was reviewed and approved by the Park & Recreation Commission in December 2007. In the course of considering this request, staff has talked with a representative of the Camarena Family and they are in support of renaming the field in honor of Mr. Pedroia.

Staff recommends that the City Council rename Camarena Field #2 as Dustin Pedroia Field as requested by Woodland Little League.

Background

Mr. Pedroia started playing Little League in the City of Woodland in 1990. His Little League career included:

- 1990 Single "A" player
- 1991 Double "AA" player
- 1992 Triple "AAA" player
- 1993-1995 Majors
- 1993-1995 Majors All Stars
- 1996 Junior Little League
- 1997 Senior League

Mr. Pedroia was born in Sacramento and in 2001 graduated from Woodland High School. Mr. Pedroia was a 3-time Delta League Selection, hitting .445 with 18 doubles and 5 homers in his senior year to capture league MVP honors.

Mr. Pedroia attended Arizona State University (ASU), where he continued his baseball career and was one of 5 finalists for the 2004 Golden Spikes Award. At ASU, Mr. Pedroia was a 3-time First-Team All-Pac 10 selection, the 2003 Pac-10 co-Player of the Year and the 2003 National Defensive Player of the Year. Mr. Pedroia's offensive and defensive statistics at ASU included hitting .384 with 212 runs, 71 doubles, 14 homers, and 146 RBI in 3 seasons; a .466 on-base percentage; a .544 slugging percentage; and a .972 fielding percentage. He played in all 185 Sun Devils games over his 3 seasons at ASU.

In the 2007 season as a member of the Boston Red Sox, Mr. Pedroia enjoyed one of the finest seasons by a Red Sox rookie in the last 50 years. He led all major league rookies with a .317 batting average, 10th best overall in the American League and a major league record for a rookie 2nd baseman. He placed 2nd on the Red Sox in runs (86) and doubles (39), ranked 3rd in average and hits (165), and 4th in on-base percentage (.381). He started 132 games at 2nd base, the most for a Boston rookie at that position in 40 years.

Mr. Pedroia's accomplishments as a Major League Baseball Player generated recognition for the Woodland community, especially Woodland Little League and Woodland High School. The donation of \$20,000 in his honor and his selection of Woodland Little League as the recipient to support a program that serves over 300 youth annually merits favorable consideration of the Little League Executive Board's request.

As previously stated herein, staff discussed this request with a representative of the Camarena family and there were no objections to this request. If approved by the City Council, the field known as Camarena Field #1 will remain named Camarena Field.

Fiscal Impact

The \$20,000 donation will provide improvements to a youth baseball field within a City park. These improvements will support existing City resources required to maintain the park.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Commission Recommendation

The Parks & Recreation Commission reviewed and approved the Woodland Little League's request to rename Camarena Field #2 Dustin Pedroia Field in December.

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Alternative Courses of Action

1. Rename Camarena Field #2 as Dustin Pedroia Field as requested by Woodland Little League.
2. Refer the issue to a Council sub-committee to review and make a recommendation to the City Council.
3. Cease further consideration of this request.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1.

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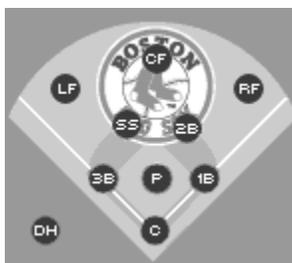
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Current Status:



STATS: Full Name: **Dustin Luis Pedroia**
AVERAGE: Born: **08/17/1983**
.317 Birthplace: **Woodland, CA**
HOME RUNS: Height: **5'9"** Weight: **180**
8 Bats: **Right**
RBI: Throws: **Right**
50 College: **Arizona State**
SB: MLB Debut: **08/22/2006**
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	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	AVG
2007	139	520	86	165	39	1	8	50	230	47	42	7	1	.380	.442	.317
Career	170	609	91	182	43	1	10	57	257	54	49	7	2	.363	.422	.299

Career Stats | Splits | Game Log | Hit Chart | Postseason & All-Star

Last 10 Games:

DATE	OPP	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	AVG
SEP 18	@TOR	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.320
SEP 19	@TOR	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.318
SEP 21	@TB	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	.318
SEP 22	@TB	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.315
SEP 25	OAK	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.314
SEP 26	OAK	5	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	.317
SEP 27	MIN	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	.318
SEP 28	MIN	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.317
SEP 29	MIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.317
SEP 30	MIN	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.317
Totals		37	8	10	1	1	2	0	1	.270

Quick Splits:

vs. Left: **.348** vs. Right: **.303** Home: **.351** Road: **.282**
 Day: **.321** Night: **.316** Grass: **.319** Turf: **.304**
 Current Month: --- Last 30 Days: ---

Last Three Seasons:

Year	Team	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	CS	OBP	SLG	AVG
2004																	
2005																	
2006	BOS	31	89	5	17	4	0	2	7	27	7	7	0	1	.258	.303	.191

Biography & Career Highlights:

Attended Arizona State University, where he was one of 5 finalists for the 2004 Golden Spikes Award...was a 3-time First-Team All-Pac 10 selection, the 2003 Pac-10 co-Player of the Year and the 2003 National Defensive Player of the Year...hit .384 with 212 runs, 71 doubles, 14 homers, and 146 RBI

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- Pedroia's press conference 400K
- Browne on Pedroia winning ROY
- Pedroia se va de 5-3 400K
- Pedroia goes 3-for-5 400K
- Pedroia's two-run double 400K

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News:

- January 17, 2008**
Pedroia taking accolades in stride
- January 16, 2008**
Around the Horn: Middle infielders
- November 27, 2007**
Notes: Postseason shares announced
- November 12, 2007**
Pedroia shows heart of a champion

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Proposal

To whom it may concern:

The Executive Board of Woodland Little League would like to change the name of Camarena II. We would like to name it Dustin Pedroia Field at Camarena Park.

Dustin Pedroia started in Little League in 1990 as a Single A player. He moved up a level each year for the next 2 years until he reached the Majors. He played the next 3 years in the Majors making All Stars each year. Dustin continued in Little League the following 2 years in Junior and Senior League. During the Junior League All Stars Dustin lead the team to the Western Regional in San Ramon. This was the tournament before the World Series.

Dustin Pedroia now known as Rookie of the Year and World Series Champion has received an award from The Players Association of Major League Baseball. This award is voted on by the players in MLB. Part of the award is a donation of \$20,000.00 dollars in his name to a charity of Dustin's choice. He has chosen Woodland Little League.

The Executive Board would like to possibly use that money to upgrade the field with a scoreboard, closed in bench areas, and some sort of restrooms.

Thank you for the consideration,
Kevin Galart
President Woodland Little League