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CITY OF WEST ALLIS

Mayor Bell West Allis City Hall 7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mayor Bell,

My name is John Fazen. I work full-time for the West Allis-West Milwaukee Recreation Department. I work at McKinley Field House. I went to McKinley grade school and this is the third time I've been assigned (I actually chose McKinley, because I'm the most senior instructor in the department) to McKinley in my 24+ full-time years. I am really happy to be back.

I am writing to you to ask if you would name our two baseball fields after Jim (Chach) Sagorac and Jack Simon. Both are legends in the city and both are still alive.

Jim Sagorac made his name in athletics and was a phenomenon. He led the Suburban Conference in scoring with WA Central three times in basketball and was a professional baseball player. He worked full-time for the Recreation Department and still works part-time for the Rec. I can go on and on, but I can tell you more at another time. Chach is a great person and a great friend. He grew up on 74<sup>th</sup> and Walker and "lived" at McKinley playground and also went to McKinley school. That's where he began his legend.

Jack Simon worked at McKinley Field House for the Rec. Dept. in the late 50's and 60's. He still remembers all the kids from the Field House, Boys Club and the baseball teams. We had "weenie" roasts back then. The fireplace was going and we cooked our hot dogs over the fire. We had an ice rink and that was the place to be! Jack is and always will be my hero. He became a close friend of my family and many other families. Although he lives in Arizona he is still very close to us.

What do you think? Jack Simon and Chach Sagorac Fields? Too many times, parks, fields, etc. are named after people who are already dead. Come on Mayor, let's do it now! I'd be happy to give you all the help and ideas I can. Please call me. My number at home is (262) 646-8109 or leave a message on my voice mail at (414) 604-3500 ext. 6824. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely.

John Fazen





MAYOR'S OFFICE

JEANNETTE BELL Mayor

December 10, 2002

Mr. John Fazen 1529 W. Shore Dr. Delafield WI 53018

Dear Mr. Fazen:

Thank you for your suggestions for naming the baseball fields at McKinley Park. I do not believe there currently is any clear policy for the naming of ball fields.

I will share your letter with the two Aldermen for the area where the park is located. It is within their authority to name the ball fields, and if they wish to take such action, I would be supportive.

Thank you again for sharing your concern with me.

Sincerely, Jeannette Bell

Jeannette Bell,

Mayor

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Alderperson Paul Murphy
Alderperson Kurt Kopplin

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