

Name of Event: “San Diego Tennis Legends Day at North Park Recreation Center hosted by Greater San Diego City Tennis Council”-5/31/2024 (12-3pm)

Scope of Activities for Event:

- 1. Set up tables, chairs, sound systems, etc. to prepare for the Plaque Dedication Ceremony and Grand Reopening Celebration**
- 2. Master of Ceremony (Jack McGrory-former San Diego City Manager) to welcome attendees and will introduce speakers, color guard, etc.**
- 3. Invited Speakers, to make remarks over roughly a 40-45 minutes time period**
- 4. Dignitaries/Event Participants to cut a ceremonial ribbon “to signify” the Grand Reopening of the tennis facility [wash courts the day before event]**
- 5. After Speakers have made remarks, the plaques will be unveiled**
- 6. Two professional photographers will be capturing images from 12-3pm**
- 7. Following the plaque unveiling, food will be provided for event attendees**

Information to Present:

- 1. Run of Show for Plaque Dedication & Grand Reopening Celebration**
- 2. Proclamation Request (Submitted) to Councilmember Whitburn’s Office**
- 3. Plaque Design Renderings of Maureen Connolly, Wilbur Folsom & Ben Press**
- 4. Press Releases from Past Significant Celebrations**
 - a. Ben Press Tennis Center at Roosevelt Middle School-2013**
 - b. Ben Press & Maureen Connolly Dedication Ceremony-2019**

Presenters: Geoff Griffin & David Gill

Reports: The Greater San Diego City Tennis Council (GSDCTC) plans to orchestrate a plaque dedication ceremony and grand reopening celebration to honor three (3) tennis legends [Maureen Connolly, Wilbur Folsom & Ben Press], whose legacies' helped to put San Diego tennis on the global map, at the historic three (3) tennis court facility at North Park Recreation Center (NPRC) on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 1pm-2pm. As Tennis Council co-founder Ben Press once wrote, "the true genesis of San Diego tennis was begun and nurtured at the three courts at NPRC" which started in the early 1930's.

Run of Show [Friday, 5/31/2024 from 12-3pm]

(Tentative: as of 5/3/2024)

- Arrival at North Park Recreation Center- **12:00pm** [60 minutes prior to the event (Tennis Council Board and/or Advisory Members & Event Speakers)]
- Potential Media Interviews and Photo Opportunities -**12:30pm-1pm**
- Plaque Dedication Ceremony (**30-40 minutes**): **1pm-1:30/1:40pm**
 - **Master of Ceremony:**
 - Jack McGrory (former San Diego City Manager)
 - Introduce Event, Color Guard and Speakers
 - Thank SDP&R for generous funding of resurfaced tennis courts at North Park Rec Center & Colina Del Sol Park & Rec Center
 - **Color Guard Presentation (Navy or Marine Corp) – 2-3 minutes** [Planned]
 - **Historical Information Introduction:**
 - Speaker to provide historical context of the North Park Rec Center and tennis in the 1930's & 1940's – **2-3 minutes**
 - **Speakers:**
 - Andy Field (to speak about the partnership between City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department & Greater San Diego City Tennis Council) – **3-4 minutes**
 - Logan Braydis to present a Ceremonial Proclamation from Councilmember Stephen Whitburn's Office – **2-3 minutes**
 - Cindy Brinker Simmons (to speak about her mother Maureen Connolly's legacy) – **5-7 minutes**
 - Andee Press-Dawson (to speak about her father Ben Press' legacy) – **3-4 minutes**
 - Steve Avoyer (to speak about Ben Press' legacy & their relationship) – **3-4 minutes**
 - Bill Folsom and/or David Folsom (to speak about their father Wilbur Folsom's legacy) – **5-7 minutes**
- Tour of Facility & Socialization with Food & Beverage Service (**45-60 minutes**) in recreation room at North Park Rec Center: **1:40-3pm**

We plan to include Andy Field, Director of City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department and Logan Braydis from Stephen Whitburn's office to help jointly celebrate the grand reopening of this historic tennis facility.