



May 8, 2024

RE: The General Services Department seeks City Council Authorization to re-name the Dexter Elmhurst Community Center to the Helen Moore Community Center

Honorable Council:

The General Services Department (GSD) on behalf of Detroit Parks and Recreation (DPR) seeks City Council acceptance and formal acknowledgement for the re-naming of the Dexter Elmhurst Community Center (DECC) to the Helen Moore Community Center.

In 2022, the Dexter Elmhurst Community Center (a Michigan non-profit) donated a long-time community building located at 11825 Dexter to the City of Detroit. For decades, Detroit resident Helen Moore served as an activist to keep this center open to serve Detroiters both young and old. Helen's personal resolve and perseverance are a testament to her advanced skills of community building and altruism, making her worthy of this namesake.

The surprise announcement regarding the Helen Moore re-naming by Mayor Michael Duggan at the 2024 State of the City address has been met with overwhelming support in the televised media, newspapers and on social media channels. It is a testament to the widespread Detroit community support for this action.

The former Dexter Elmhurst Recreation Center is currently closed to the public, as a full renovation is underway. A newly renovated Helen Moore Community Center is slated to be open to the public in 2025.

The GSD respectfully requests your Honorable City Council's approval and authorization of this re-naming resolution placing this action in the City of Detroit's public record.

Sincerely,

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Whereas, the General Services Department on behalf of the Detroit Parks and Recreation are seeking authorization for the re-naming of Dexter Elmhurst Recreation Center to the Helen Moore Community Center.

Whereas, to honor the community activism of Helen Moore who continually demonstrates deep community building skills and altruism.

Resolved, the General Services and Detroit Parks and Recreation departments are authorized to re-name Dexter Elmhurst Community Center to the Helen Moore Community Center.