

**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS**  
**DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**  
**TIME: 7:06 P.M.**  
**PLACE: COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER,**  
**ROOM 213, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS IAN ABRRU, CHAIRMAN; NAOMI CARNEY,**  
**VICE-CHAIRPERSON; DEBORA COELHO; WILLIAM BRAD**  
**MARKEY (7:20); DANA REBEIRO**

**ABSENT: NO ONE**

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Councillor Abreu called the Memorials & Dedications Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, everyone was present.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, requesting that the City Council formally recognize the achievements and contributions of the late Arthur J. Caron, Jr., who passed away on January 19, 2018, after many decades of service to New Bedford, by naming the City Solicitor's Office Law Library "The Arthur J. Caron, Jr., Esq. Law Library", in honor of Mr. Caron's dedicated service and contributions to the City of New Bedford (Ref'd 5/24/18) was received and placed on file by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (1)

Attorney Jane Medeiros Friedman, First Assistant City Solicitor for the City of New Bedford was present and read a letter into the record that she sent to Councillor Ian Abreu as Chairman of the Committee on Memorials & Dedications and the New Bedford City Council, regarding her relationship with Attorney Caron and the Solicitor's Office's desire to name its Law Library after his forty (40) years of service to the City of New Bedford. This Communication was received and placed on file by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Carney.

Councillor Rebeiro complemented the proposal and stated it was nice to see someone like Attorney Caron being recognized for his service.

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council APPROVAL of the naming of the Solicitor's Law Library "The Arthur J. Caron, Jr., Esq. Law Library." This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes, requesting that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications begin a dialogue with Charles Lopes and the friends and family of the late Tom Barao about naming the basketball courts at Ashley Park in honor of Mr. Tom Barao who was a 1968 New Bedford High School Graduate, a McDonald All American and a member of the New Bedford High School's Basketball Team (To be Referred to the Special Committee on

Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref'd 5/8/18) was received and placed on file by Councillor Carney and seconded by Councillor Rebeiro. (2)

Councillor Lopes, who is not a member of this Committee, was present as it is his motion, stated he was approached by the friends of the deceased Tom Barao with the hopes of naming the basketball courts at Ashley Park in his memory. The fundraising for the plaque would be done by the friends of Mr. Barao and that he had a conversation with Pat Sullivan of City Planning and he did not voice an objection to the renaming of the basketball courts.

Mr. Charles Lopes spoke on behalf of the fourteen (14) people in attendance on this matter. Mr. Barao was a respected basketball player, who would constantly practice at the courts at Ashley Park. He passed away two (2) years ago unexpectedly. He was one of the greatest basketball players to come out of New Bedford High and received many accolades during this time playing for NBHS. In addition to the naming of the courts they would like to see his name painted in the center circle of the courts at Ashley Park as well.

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council inform the Park Board that the Committee on Memorials & Dedications supports the naming of the basketball courts at Ashley Park in honor of Tom Barao and that his name be painted in the center circle of the courts and requests that the Park Board hear the matter and follow the Committee's recommendation. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Carney made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Coelho.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Denis Lawrence, Jr.,  
Clerk of Committees