



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Meeting Date: August 20, 2019

Agenda Item 6U

**Approvals:**

City Manager [Signature]

Dept. Head [Signature]

Attorney [Signature]

Finance [Signature]

**Department:** Beaches, Parks and Recreation  
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**Subject:** *INSTALLATION OF A COMMEMORATIVE TILE AT THE OLE HANSON BEACH CLUB TO RECOGNIZE EVANGELINE "VAN" RUTAN.*

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Summary:** The Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the City Council approve the installation of a commemorative tile for Evangeline "Van" Rutan to be located at the Ole Hanson Beach Club.

**Background:** During the remodel of the Ole Hanson Beach Club a wallet was discovered within one of the walls. Through further research, staff learned that the wallet belonged to former San Clemente resident Evangeline "Van" Rutan. Staff did its due diligence in returning the wallet to the family of Ms. Rutan and were successful in making contact with her son, who now lives out of state. After conversations with Mr. Rutan, additional details of her service and role within the City remain unclear.

Upon the reopening of the Ole Hanson Beach Club in 2016, a group of longtime San Clemente residents expressed interest in donating a tile (Attachment 1) to be installed at the Beach Club in honor of Ms. Rutan. These residents have stated that she was San Clemente's first swim teacher and they have shared many memories of Ms. Rutan at the Beach Club and around San Clemente.

At its October 4, 2016 meeting, the City Council directed staff to provide a report which lists Ms. Rutan's credentials, a possible location for the plaque (Attachment 2), and an assessment of the precedent-setting potential for such an action.

At its July 9, 2019 meeting, the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the City Council approve the installation of a commemorative tile for Evangeline "Van" Rutan at the Ole Hanson Beach Club.

**Discussion:** Currently, the City does not have a policy in place that dictates a course of action for such a request. However, the C.A.R.E. program does provide a venue for community members to purchase benches and picnic tables that may fall within the following parameters and opportunities:

- **Celebrate**—an anniversary or special event
- **Acknowledge**—a hero or graduate
- **Remember**—a loved one
- **Enhance**—a public park or public amenity

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VAN RUTAN

DEDICATION TILE

OLE HANSON

BEACH CLUB

HANDMADE

HAND PAINTED

TILE

206 FIRED

w/ 3 COATS

of CLEAR

glAZE

DOUBLE BORDER

COBALT BLUE

ACCENT

COLOR  
(COCHRE OR TERRA COITTA)\*

EXISTING

DEDICATION PLAQUE TILE

(SAME FORMAT/SHAPE)

ROJAS BUILDING 1927 HISTORIC POST OFFICE

127 AVENIDA DEL MAR

ATTACHMENT 1

