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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-111**



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE SITE OF THE FRANK CHANCE FIELD, LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF VENTURA STREET AND CEDAR AVENUE, TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Frank Chance Field was constructed in 1935 to serve primarily as a baseball stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frank Chance Field was built to accommodate both local baseball teams such as played in the Twilight League but also to serve as the spring training camp for the Pacific Coast League's San Francisco Seals, coached by Frank "Lefty" O'Doul; and

**WHEREAS**, the Field was the site of numerous exhibition games as for example the Tokio [sic] Giants versus the San Francisco Seals on March 24, 1935 and the Pittsburgh Pirates versus the Fresno Tigers on April 1, 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, the Field was named for Frank Leroy Chance who was raised in Fresno and played baseball for local teams before moving to Chicago to play first base for the Cubs; and

**WHEREAS**, Chance was promoted to Manager and coached the Cubs to two World Series titles and four National League pennants and was honored following his death in 1924 through dedication of the Frank Chance Field in his hometown of Fresno; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frank Chance Field played a short but significant role in Fresno's social history prior to World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, nothing currently remains at the location of the Frank Chance Field that would give any indication of the area's historical connection to the baseball stadium but that the former Field meets the definition of "site" as defined in FMC 12-1603 (ee); and

Adopted 5/14/09  
Approved 5/20/09  
Effective 5/20/09

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on April 27, 2009, heard testimony on the subject property; and

**WHEREAS**, based on that testimony, and the presentation of facts relating to the criteria for official designation, as set forth in the Fresno Municipal Code, Article 16, Section 12-1601 et seq., made the following findings;

That the Frank Chance Field meets the criteria set out in Article 16, Chapter 12, Section 12-1607 (a) of the Fresno Municipal Code; and is eligible for listing on Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources; and be recommended to the Fresno City Council for adoption as a Local Resource; and whereas in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code, Article 16, Section 12-1601 et seq. this hearing has been duly noticed for Council action upon the designation recommended by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 2009, Council held a hearing where they took evidence, including but not limited to, staff presentation, a report prepared by staff addressing the properties eligibility to the Local Register, a Primary Record ("PR") and a Building, Structure and Object Record ("BSOR") prepared by the City's Historic Preservation Specialist (as defined in FMC § 12-1604(b)) finding that the property met eligibility requirements for criterion i to subdivision 12-1607(a)(1).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Fresno:

1. Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Council finds that the site of the Frank Chance Field is eligible for listing under criterion i of subdivision 12-1607(a)(1) based upon the evidence presented to Council in the staff presentation, staff report, the PR and the BSOR.
3. Council designates the site of the Frank Chance Field to the Local Register of Historic Resources for the sole purpose of providing a recognition of the location of the historical baseball field. With this designation of the site, Council does not intend to recognize any current physical feature of the site as historic. Council finds that based on the site's current condition, the site does not retain any historical characteristics that give any indication of the site's use as the Frank Chance Field.



- 4. Council authorizes City staff to place a marker at one or more locations on the site of the Frank Chance Field as described in the PR, subject to the consent of any property owners, to recognize the site as the location of the Frank Chance Field. Nothing provided in this designation is intended to limit any current or future property owners of the site described in the PR as to any use and/or development of their property.

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 CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
 CITY OF FRESNO )

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the day of May 14, 2009.

AYES : Borgeas, Brand, Dages, Perea, Westerlund, Xiong, Sterling  
 NOES : None  
 ABSENT : None  
 ABSTAIN : None

Mayor Approval : May 20, 2009  
 Mayor Approval/No Return: N/A, 2009  
 Mayor Veto: N/A, 2009  
 Council Override Vote: N/A, 2009

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
 CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: *Kathryn Shelan*  
 Deputy *Kathryn Shelan 5/4/09*

REBECCA E. KLISCH  
 City Clerk

BY: *Rebecca E. Klisch*  
 Deputy

May 14, 2009

Council Adoption: 5/14/09

TO: MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN

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Mayor Approval:

Mayor Veto:

Override Request:

FROM: REBECCA E. KLISCH, CMC  
City Clerk

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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF COUNCIL ACTION FOR APPROVAL OR VETO

At the Council meeting of 5/14/09, Council adopted the attached Resolution No. 2009-111 entitled **Designation Frank Chance Field, s/w corner of Ventura and Cedar to Local Register of Historic Resources**, Item No. **10:15 A.M. 1**, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Borgeas, Brand, Dages, Perea, Westerlund, Xiong, Sterling
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None
Abstain	:	None

Please indicate either your formal approval or veto by completing the following sections and executing and dating your action. Please file the completed memo with the Clerk's office on or before May 25, 2009. In computing the ten day period required by Charter, the first day has been excluded and the tenth day has been included unless the 10<sup>th</sup> day is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, in which case it has also been excluded. Failure to file this memo with the Clerk's office within the required time limit shall constitute approval of the ordinance, resolution or action, and it shall take effect without the Mayor's signed approval.

Thank you.

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**APPROVED:**

**VETOED** for the following reasons: (Written objections are required by Charter; attach additional sheets if necessary.)

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*Ashley Swearengin*  
Ashley Swearengin, Mayor

Date: 5-20-09

**COUNCIL OVERRIDE ACTION:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes	:
Noes	:
Absent	:
Abstain	: