

ORDINANCE NO. 20120202-007

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE OAK SPRINGS BRANCH LIBRARY, THE WILLIE MAE KIRK BRANCH LIBRARY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Findings.

- (A) Mrs. Willie Mae “Ankie” Kirk has engaged in more than 50 years of philanthropy in the Austin community and has devoted most of her life to public service.
- (B) Willie Mae Kirk began her career as a certified public school teacher in 1947 and served as a dynamic, generous, open-handed, giving, kind, understanding and outstanding elementary school teacher through 1982.
- (C) Mayor Jeffrey Friedman first appointed Willie Mae Kirk to the Library Commission in 1971 where she helped to spearhead a funding drive and bond initiative that resulted in dramatic improvements to the *George Washington Carver Library* including architectural design and building of a new 10,000 square foot library adjacent to the existing building, concurrent with the remodeling of the original building as a museum.
- (D) Mrs. Kirk worked tirelessly to resolve problems in order to improve library facilities, staffing inequities and unsafe conditions on library premises and was a champion for all of Austin’s libraries through her 12 years as a commissioner.
- (E) Mrs. Kirk frequently collaborated with other involved citizens and community leaders on many fronts to build bridges across races and to promote social justice and quality education in Austin.
- (F) The Library Commission voted unanimously on January 23, 2012, to recommend approval of the renaming of the Oak Springs Branch Library to the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library.

PART 2. The Oak Springs Branch Library, located at 3101 Oak Springs Drive, is renamed the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library.

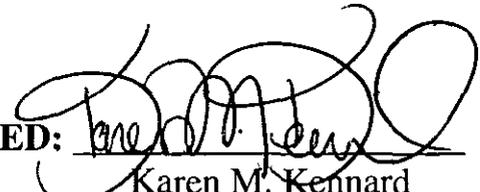
PART 3. The City Manager is authorized to proudly display the branch library name in connection with all correspondence, promotion, public relations, and publicity and to take any action necessary to identify the branch library as the "Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library."

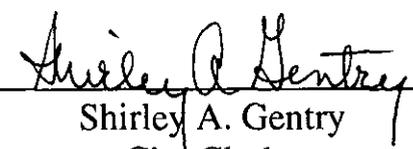
PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on February 13, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

February 2, 2012

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Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: 
Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk