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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pinellas County Commissioners

FROM: Charlie Justice, Commissioner
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CC: Mark Woodard, County Administrator
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Jewel White, County Attorney

DATE: August 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Honoring Ray Neri

Many in the Lealman Community continually reach out and ask the County Commission to find an appropriate way to recognize the late Ray Neri. As you may know, Mr. Neri for years was the voice of Lealman. Mr. Neri met with County leaders, shared the history of the Lealman area and helped to shed light on some of the unique needs that needed to be addressed in the community. One of Mr. Neri's biggest pushes was for greenspace that the residents desperately needed. With the creation of Joe's Creek Greenway Park this dream was recognized.

With the acquisition of our new community center, I feel it is the time to recognize Mr. Neri's contributions to the Lealman Community. I have listed two ideas below.

1. Name the gymnasium/activities building at the community center "Ray Neri Activities Center"
2. Designate Joe's Creek Greenway Park as Ray Neri Park

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I intend to bring this forward for discussion during our September 13th Commission meeting.