

# The **MUNY** Conservancy

Preserving and Promoting Lions Municipal Golf Course (1924) - historic, inclusive, affordable

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The Honorable Kirk Watson  
Council Member Marc Duchen,  
Members of the Austin City Council  
301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mayor Watson, Council Member Duchen and Council Members,

My co-chair Ben Crenshaw and the board of directors of the Muny Conservancy have unanimously voted to support the renaming of Westenfield Park to (Don) Baylor Park. As the first desegregated golf course south of the Mason-Dixon Line, Lions Municipal has a rich history with the citizens of Clarksville, who helped build the course, worked as caddies there and have played Muny since 1950. The peaceful integration of the course truly changed the history of Austin.

Among the natives of Clarksville, the Baylor family stands out, especially Don Baylor, who Ben and I (also O. Henry and Austin High graduates) had the pleasure of knowing for more than 50 years.

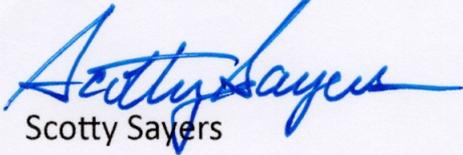
Council member Duchen has certainly noted Don's many athletic accomplishments as a student at O. Henry, Austin High and in Major League Baseball. He is the only native Austinite to win baseball's Most Valuable Player Award (1979) and played in three consecutive World Series. He then went on to become one of the first black managers in history of the major leagues.

Even more important Don was a local hero who led progress in racial desegregation and his philanthropic efforts. As a former chairman of the Texas State Cemetery Commission (2003-2015) I was able to help his family's successful application to have him buried among celebrated Texans at the Texas State Cemetery upon his passing in 2017.

To have a park named for Don Baylor would reflect the true spirit of Clarksville and the importance of the Baylor family in the history of this city.

Thank you for your consideration.

With best regards,



Scotty Sayers

Proud Austinite and Co-Chair of the Muny Conservancy