



EL DORADO CITY COMMISSION - WORK SESSION AGENDA
CITY HALL – 220 E. FIRST AVENUE
June 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Work Session Discussion Items:

- a. June 3, 2025 Flood Incident and Response
- b. Gordy Park Pavilion Project
- c. Park and Recreation Facility Naming Policy
- d. Designation of North Field at East Park to Doug Chance Field

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 - i. Meeting Minutes
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Reports:

- a. City Commission Reports
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TO: City Commission
FROM: Tabitha Sharp, Assistant City Manager
SUBJ: Gordy Park Pavilion Project
DATE: June 11, 2025

Summary:

The City is considering the development of a new pavilion designed to improve accessibility and enhance public amenities in our community spaces. The proposed pavilion will include increased ADA accessibility features, upgraded restroom facilities, and additional storage space to better support events and daily park use.

To ensure the best fit for the community's needs and park layout, three design and location options are being presented for consideration by the City Commission. Each option reflects different approaches to functionality, aesthetics, and integration with surrounding park amenities.

This project aims to create a more inclusive, convenient, and versatile facility that supports a wide range of recreational and community activities.

Attachments:

1. Gordy Park Pavilion Concepts

Funding Source:

The Parks and Recreation advisory board has seen the proposals, but they have not made a recommendation at this time.

Operation Impact:

N/A

Options/Alternatives:

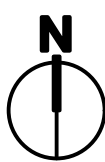
The Excess Sales Tax Committee recommended \$300,000 for this project in 2024 and added another \$185,000 in 2025. Once an official bid has been received, staff will determine where the remaining funding is needed.

Staff Recommendation:

The City Commission should review the proposals to determine which options staff should take to the public for consideration.

Commission Action:

This item is for discussion purposes only. The item will be scheduled for consideration at a regular meeting pending direction to do so by the City Commission.



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SITE PLAN - OPTION C

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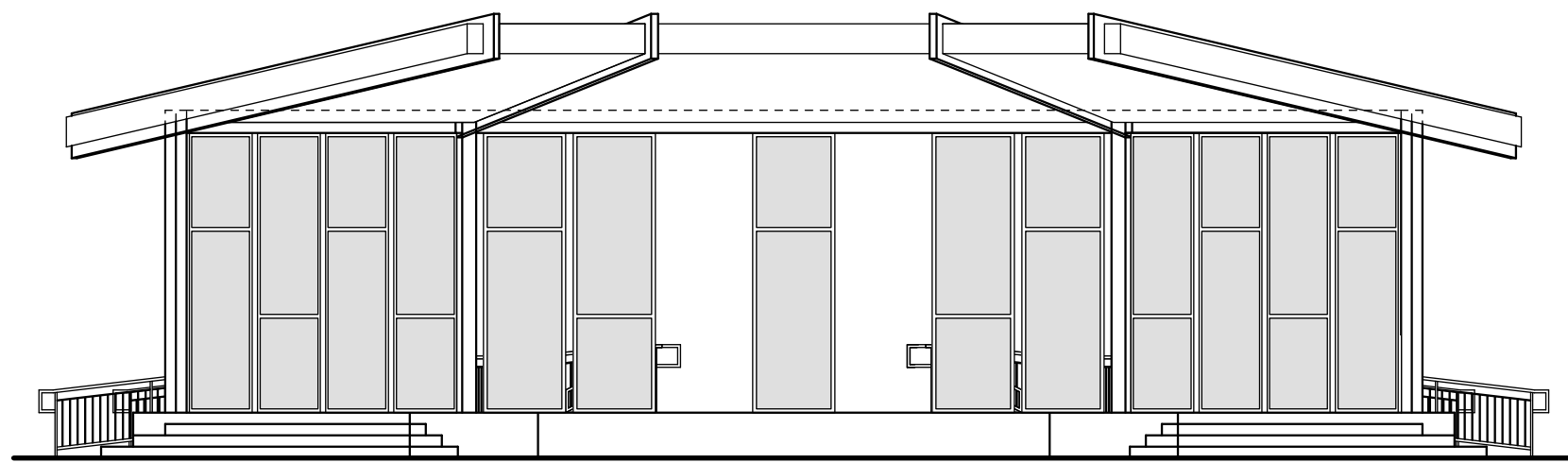
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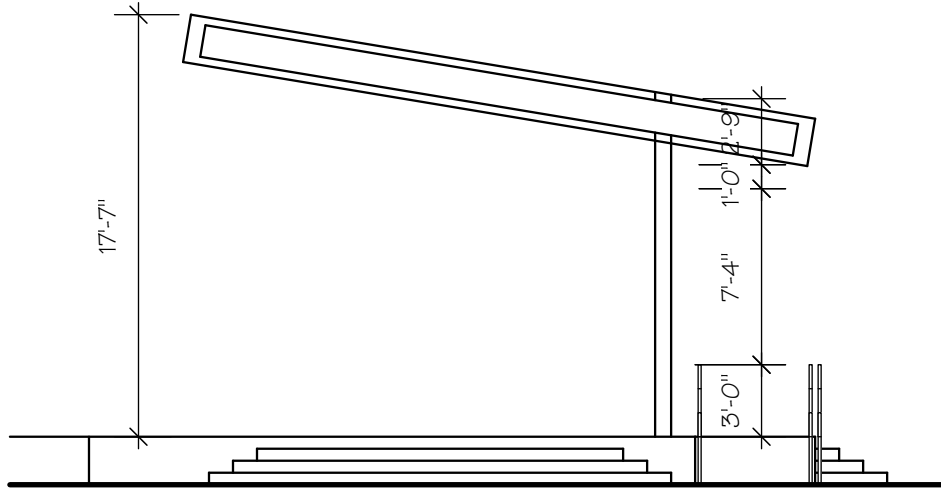
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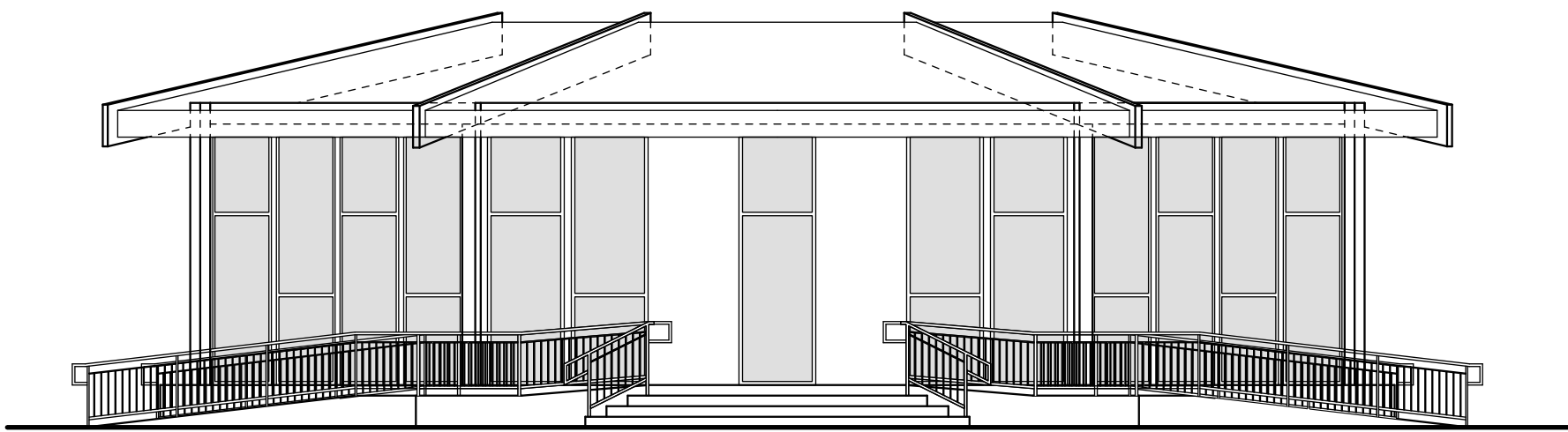
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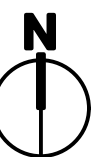
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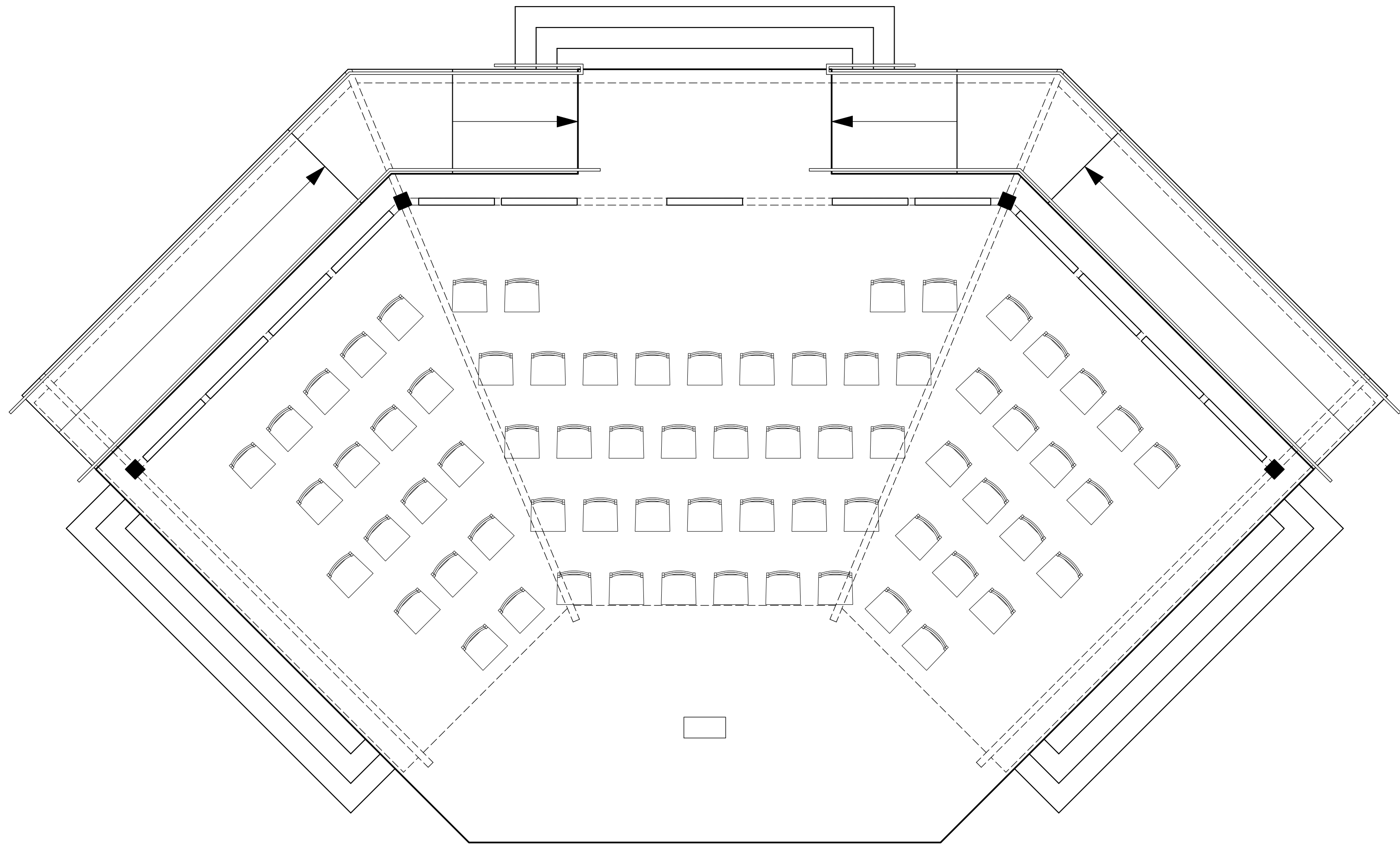
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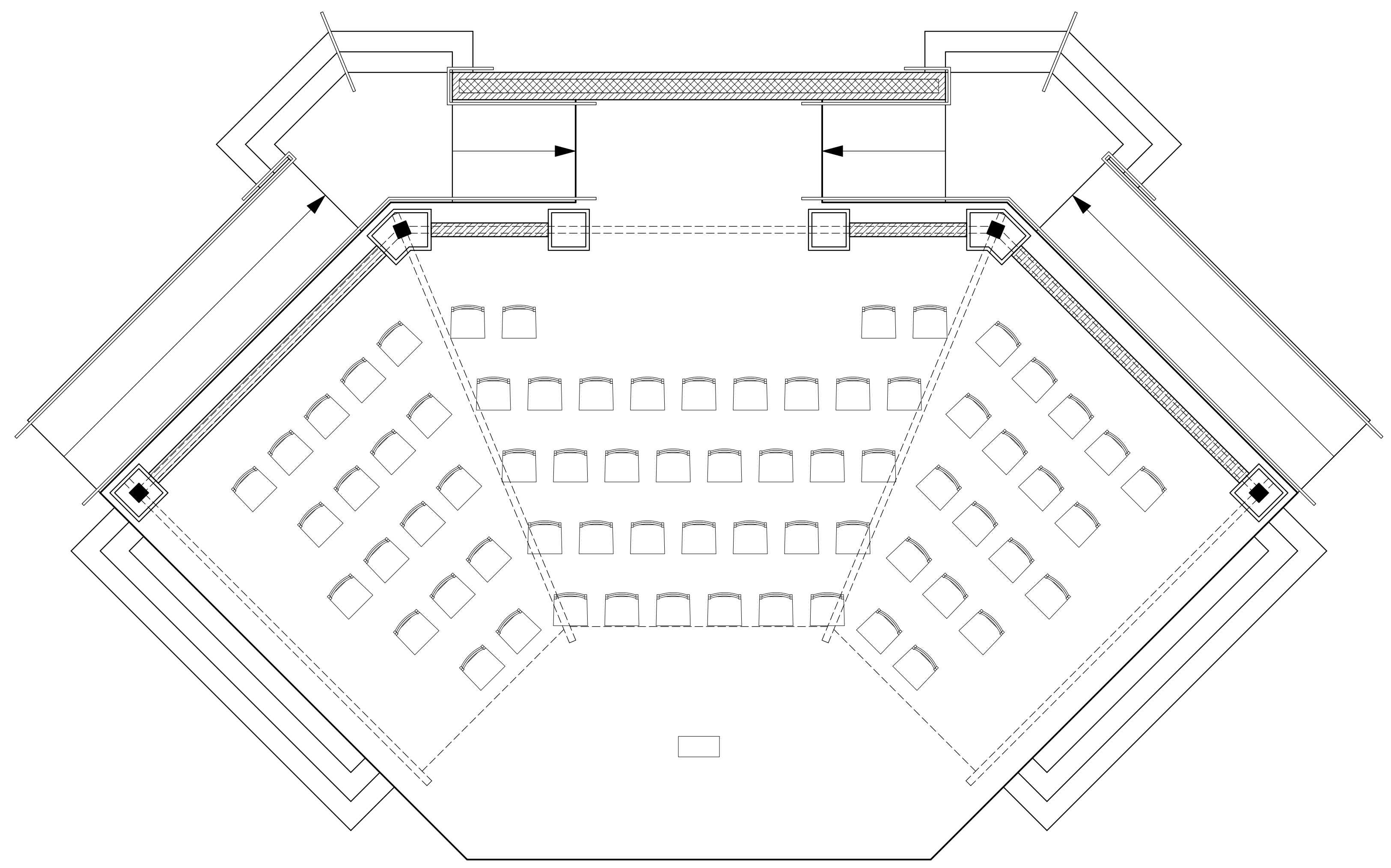
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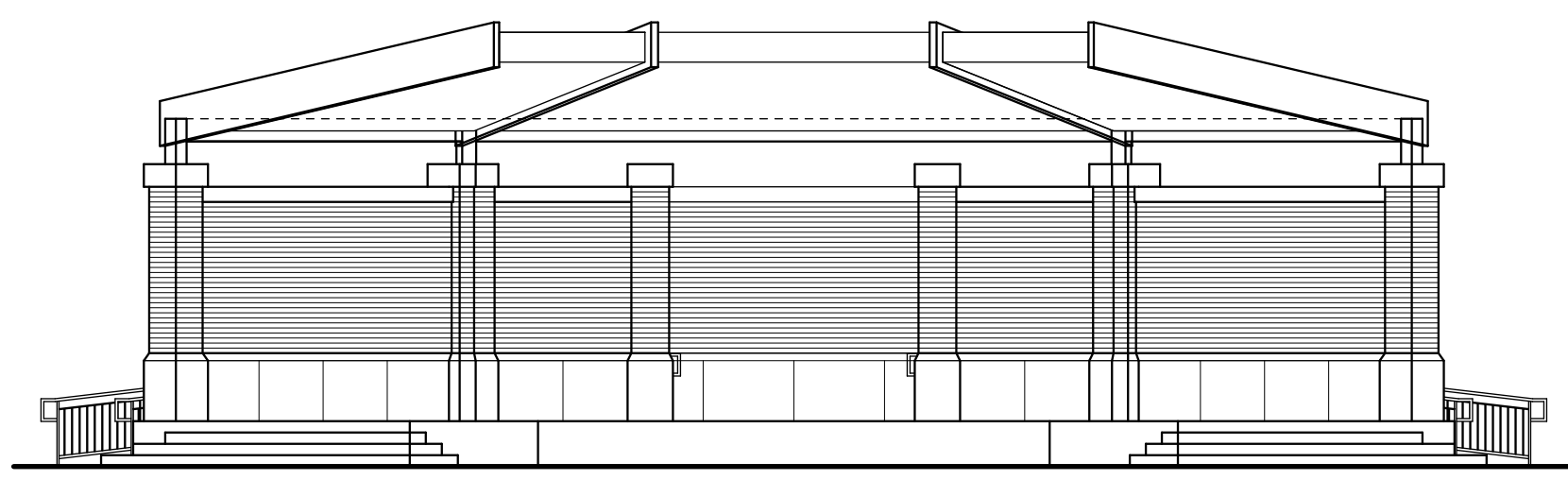


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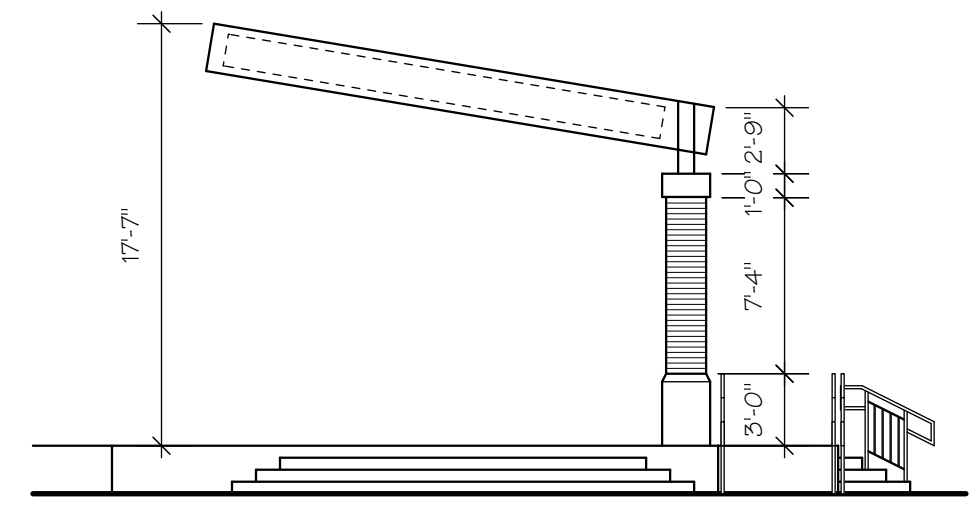
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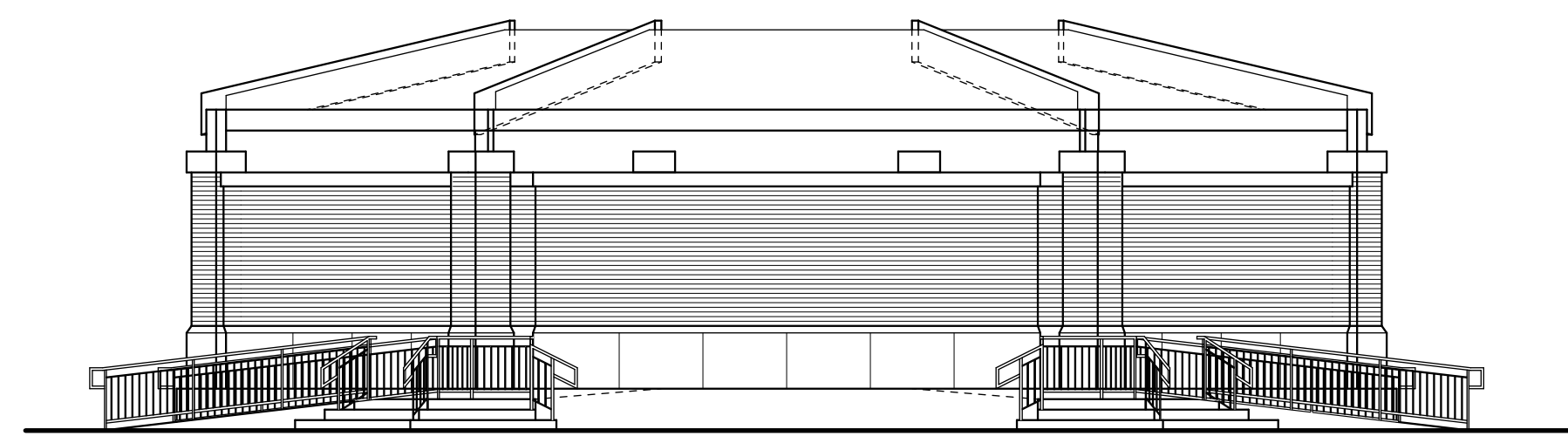
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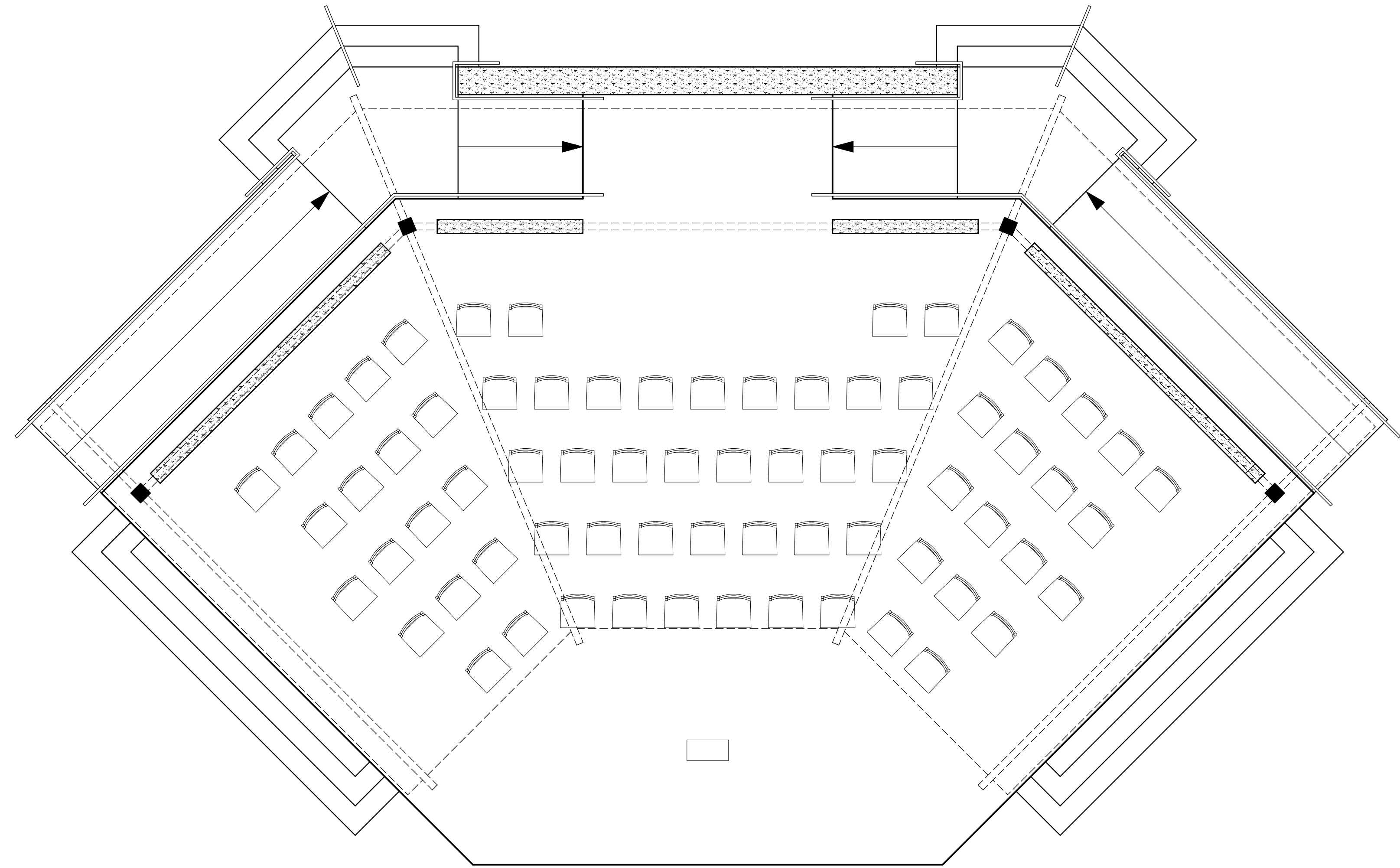
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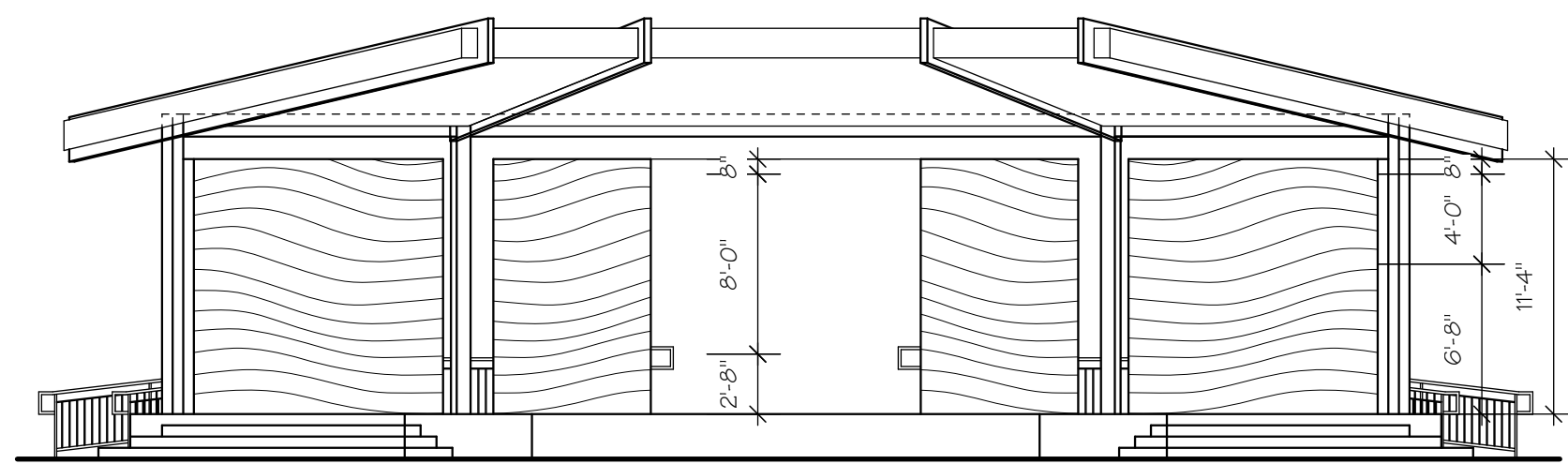
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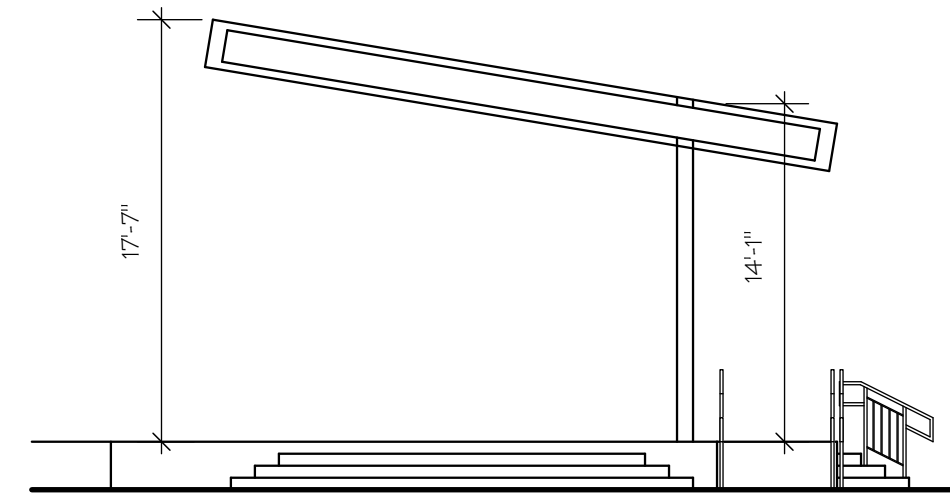
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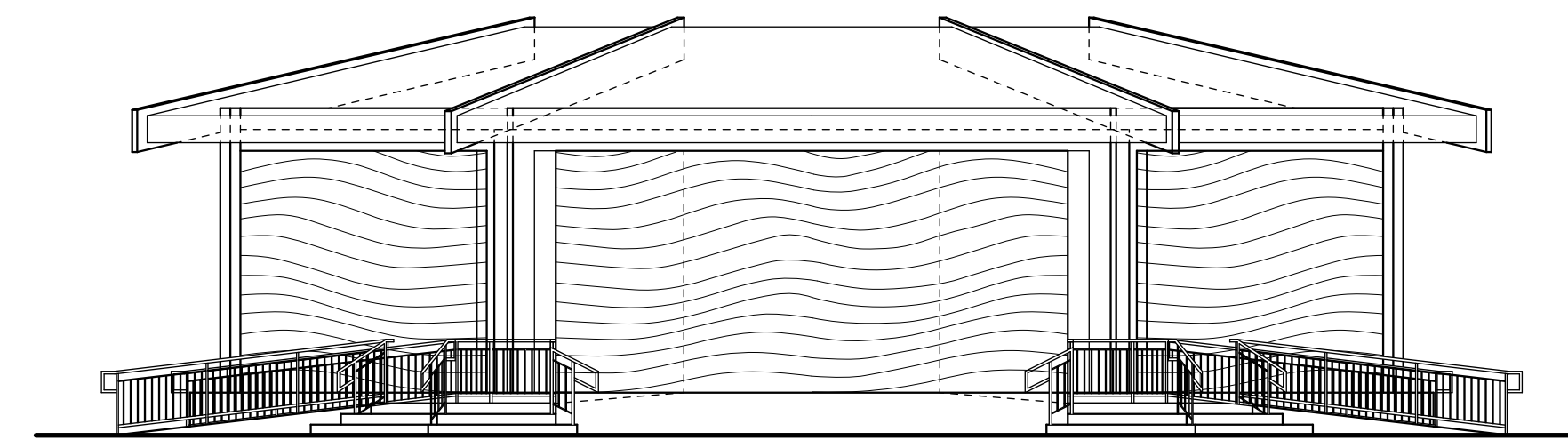
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2 SIDE ELEVATION
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3 REAR ELEVATION
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



AMPHITHEATER - CONCEPT 3

Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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KANSAS

TO: City Commission
FROM: Kevin Wishart
SUBJ: Park and Recreation Facility Naming Policy
DATE: June 11, 2025

Summary:

On July 5, 2011, the City Commission adopted the current policy regarding the naming of park and recreation facilities. The policy states that if a facility is to be named after an individual, that person must be deceased. At the request of the City Commission, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was asked to consider removing the requirement that the individual be deceased to be eligible for naming recognition. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on June 4, 2025, to discuss the proposed change.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the policy by eliminating the requirement that the individual be deceased. After discussion, the Board was evenly split, with a vote of 2 in favor and 2 opposed. As a result, no recommendation was made by the Board, and the policy remains unchanged at this time.

Attachments:

1. Naming P&R Public Facilities Policies

Funding Source:

No recommendation was made by the Board.

Operation Impact:

Should the City's policy concerning the naming of parks and recreational facilities be amended to allow recreational facilities to be named after living persons? Section 3 of the current naming policy states that "The name used must not be duplicated or be confused with the names of existing facilities. If the recommendation is a person's name, it may include only the name of a person who is deceased." The City Commission may change its policies, provided such changes do not conflict with local, state, or federal law. A proposed change to allow park and recreation facilities to be named after living persons does not conflict with local, state, or federal law.

Options/Alternatives:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment to the policy to allow park and recreation facilities to be named after individuals that are either living or deceased.

Commission Action:

This item is for discussion purposes only. The item will be scheduled for consideration at a regular meeting pending direction to do so by the City Commission.

NAMING PARKS & RECREATIONAL PUBLIC FACILITIES
Adopted by the City Commission on July 5, 2011

It is the policy of the City of El Dorado to name public facilities in accordance with their intended use and, where appropriate, to recognize distinguished citizens by naming parks or public facilities in their memory in their honor.

To assist in naming public facilities, a Park and Recreation Board shall meet "as needed". Appointees shall be residents of the City and at least 18 years of age. The appointees may be members of another Board or Commission.

The Board shall be charged with formulating recommendations to the City Commission.

1. All proposals for naming a facility shall be referred in writing to the Parks and Recreation Board for recommendation. The proposal shall describe the facility or park to be named, shall state the name being proposed and shall include reasons and qualifications of such a person having a facility or park named after him or her.
2. All proposals for any donations such as trees, gazebos, statues or equipment to be received in memory of a deceased person shall be referred in writing to the Parks and Recreation Board for recommendation.
3. The name used must not be duplicated or be confused with the names of existing facilities. ~~If the recommendation is a person's name, it may include only the name of a person who is deceased.~~
4. The person being distinguished must be one who has made a significant contribution to the City of El Dorado.
5. The selection of a name, if not a person's name, must be based on the function of the facility and the image the name would project.
6. The naming of City-owned facilities shall not be limited to new facilities. Existing facilities may be renamed if approved by the City Commission.
7. The Parks and Recreation Board shall review all proposals and forward recommendations to the City Commission.
8. The City Commission shall have the final authority for selection of an appropriate name upon recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board.

EL DORADO

KANSAS

TO: City Commission
FROM:
SUBJ: Designation of North Field at East Park to Doug Chance Field
DATE: June 11, 2025

Summary:

Jim and Lou Clennan recently requested that the North Field at East Park be named to honor Doug Chance, former women's softball coach at Butler Community College. Head coach Doug Chance stepped down following the 2022 season after eighteen successful years at the helm of the Butler Softball program. During his tenure, Chance accumulated an overall record of 772-177, a win percentage of 81%. His teams went 316-32 in KJCCC play and never lost more than five conference games in a season. He won back-to-back NJCAA National Championships in 2016 and 2017 while getting to the National Tournament twelve times in eighteen seasons. His teams won fourteen KJCCC titles and laid claim to the title in 11-straight seasons. His team has won twelve Region VI titles under Chance.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board considered this item at its meeting on June 4, 2025. A motion was made and seconded to rename North Field to Doug Chance Field. A vote resulted in a 2-2 tie, reflecting a split opinion among the board members in attendance.

Attachments:

1. Request to Rename North Field Doug Chance Field
2. Facility Naming Policy

Funding Source:

Per board policy, a tied vote means no formal recommendation is issued to the City Commission. However, the matter is presented to the Commission for final determination, as allowed by the City's naming procedures.

Operation Impact:

Should the City amend its Facilities Naming Policy to allow the North Field at East Park to be named after Coach Doug Chance? The existing Parks and Recreation Facility Naming Facility requires the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to provide the City Commission with a recommendation on all naming requests. The policy does not provide specific qualifications for consideration of a naming request, although it does specify that "the person being distinguished must be one who has made a significant contribution to the City of El Dorado."

The existing policy also requires that recommendations to name a facility include only persons who are deceased. At its June 4, 2025 meeting, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board recommended changing the policy to allow park and recreation facilities to be named after persons either living or deceased. This proposed amendment has not yet been approved by the City Commission, although it will be considered for approval at the next regular Commission meeting. Additional considerations are included in the attached policy document.

As a City policy, the City Commission may elect to amend the policy to reflect community interests and sentiment as it sees fit. Changing the policy and renaming the North Field does not conflict with

any local, state, or federal law. It also does not conflict with any existing policy other than the one currently under consideration.

Options/Alternatives:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Staff acknowledges and appreciates the meaningful contributions of Mr. Chance, particularly through his involvement with Butler Community College and his support for advancing local athletic facilities. His advocacy has been valued and impactful.

However, staff does not recommend renaming North Field at East Park. While Mr. Chance was an important supporter of the project, the substantial improvements and long-term development of the East Park Softball Complex were primarily driven by City of El Dorado staff and funded by public resources entrusted to the City by its residents.

The naming of public facilities is a significant and lasting recognition, typically reserved for individuals whose direct and sustained contributions to municipal projects, operations, or funding efforts were foundational to their success.

Commission Action:

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*Jim and Lou Clennan
1845 Country Club Rd
El Dorado Ks 67042*

March 27, 2025

David Dillner
El Dorado City Mánager
220 W 1st
El Dorado Ks. 67042

Re: Naming the North field of the Softball Complex

Dear Mr. Dillner,

We are requesting that the Softball North field at the El Dorado East Park complex be named "Doug Chance Field" to honor the legendary former Softball coach of Butler Community College.

He was instrumental in bringing the Softball program into National prominence, winning National Championships and ranked in the top 20 of the NJCAA Division 1 the 18 years he coached. His contributions to the Softball program brought pride, not only to the college but to El Dorado. Many of his players were recruited to play at division I colleges.

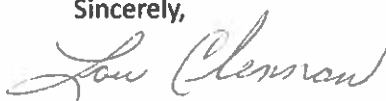
He is an incredible coach and individual. He received Conference Coach of the Year multiple times and most recently in 2025, he was inducted into the BCC Grizzly Athletic Hall of Fame.

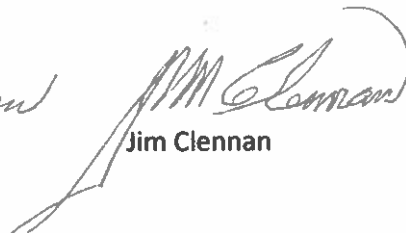
Over the years, Coach Chance put in many hours to better his program and improve the facility provided by the City of El Dorado. This included building a press box and securing seating (with backs) for the fans.

With the approval of our request, we will begin planning the event.

Coach Doug Chance is most deserving of this honor by the City of El Dorado. Thank you for your consideration to approve the naming of the north Softball field in his honor.

Sincerely,


Lou Clennan


Jim Clennan

Cc: Morgan Bohanan
BCC Softball Head Coach

Todd Carter
BCC Athletic Director

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