



## Committee of the Whole Meeting - Final

September 19, 2024

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A. **COW2024-053** Cobb Park Discussion – Corkey Welch  
***Ward 4 Councilmember – Charles “Corkey” Welch***

**From:** [Joe Bennett](#)  
**To:** [Heather Corn](#); [Richard Garland](#); [Kristin Robinson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: William "Bill" Deutsch  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:45:54 AM  
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Mayor and Council members:

I received the email below from a local citizen and have also seen comments on local social media pages supporting this issue. I wanted each of you to know that there seems to be significant support for the naming of the field at Cobb Park.

I would like to add this as an item of discussion at our next COW meeting.

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To Mayor & Council:

It is our desire to honor a Smyrna legend, and we are leading a drive to have the field at Cobb Park named after a long time Smyrna resident and volunteer, Bill Deutsch (picture below). Mr. Deutsch moved his family to Smyrna in 1968 where he lived until his death a couple of years ago. He was still coaching just a few months before his death. Mr. Deutsch began as a volunteer coach in 1970 when his 2 sons began to play there, and he went on to coach at Cobb Park for decades. Anyone who played baseball during the 70's, 80's, 90's, and 2000's knew him. He was also a volunteer coach for Campbell High School, Marietta High School, and Whitefield Academy. In addition to coaching baseball while at Campbell, he also coached fast pitch softball and was instrumental in helping that program get accomplished and become successful. We are in the process of gathering specific information about his coaching career, but wanted to send this initial note to determine how we could successfully proceed with this matter. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to providing additional information soon.

Sincerely,

Craig Brooks  
Brad Hawkins

