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Airport Commission approves naming terminal after former mayor

The Donald J. Canney terminal takes effect Nov. 2, which also marks the 25th anniversary of the terminal

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CEDAR RAPIDS – The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission on Monday approved naming the passenger terminal at The Eastern Iowa Airport after the late former Mayor Donald J. Canney.



Don Canney

The commission approved a resolution naming the building the Donald J. Canney terminal. The name change takes effect Nov. 2, which also marks the 25th anniversary of the terminal.

The Cedar Rapids City Council is expected to endorse the commission's action when it meets Tuesday. The item will be included in the council's consent agenda.

Naming the airport terminal after Canney, who served as Cedar Rapids mayor from 1969 to 1992, was the suggestion of a task force appointed by Mayor Ron Corbett. The citizen task force was appointed by Corbett to determine how to commemorate the life and public service of Canney, who died on March 20 at age 80.

"This is a fitting tribute to Mayor Canney, as he was the city's leader at the time the terminal opened in 1986," said Airport Director Tim Bradshaw.

The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission and staff have been preparing a 25th anniversary celebration for Nov. 2 It will feature a program to formally announce and unveil the new name for the passenger terminal.

Many communities have named a terminal or airfield after a well known local citizen. Many of the streets at The Eastern Iowa Airport, located on Wright Brothers Boulevard, are named for local aviation pioneers, including Arthur Collins, founder of Collins Radio, predecessor of Rockwell Collins, and Alexander Lippisch, a German pioneer of aerodynamics who worked for Collins Radio

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