



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	May 17, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Nathaniel Bates and Councilmember Melvin Willis
Subject:	Commemorative Kiosk of Willie Mays at Nicholl Park
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The fiscal impact includes the installation of the kiosk by Parks and Landscaping. The Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation has committed up to \$20,000 for the fabrication and installation of the Kiosk.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	The City Council approved renaming Baseball Diamond/Field 2 to the Willie Mays Baseball Field at its February 15, 2022 regular meeting.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	In collaboration with the San Francisco Giants, the Recreation and Parks Commission will host Willie Mays Day and Parade on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Nicholl Park.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE the renaming of Baseball Diamond/Field 1 to the Willie Mays Baseball Field 1; and APPROVE the installation of a freestanding kiosk honoring Willie Mays at Nicholl Park – Councilmember Nathaniel Bates (510-620-6743).

DISCUSSION:

At the February 15, 2022, meeting, the City Council approved the renaming of Baseball Diamond 2 at Nicholl Park to the Willie Mays Baseball Field and holding a dedication (Willie Mays Day). During a site visit, the San Francisco Giants committed to fund the refurbishing of Fields 1 and 2. Due to the inclusion of refurbishing Field 1, the San Francisco Giants requested that the City rename both fields in honor of Willie Mays.

In conjunction with the dedication of the Willie Mays Baseball Fields, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommends the installation of a freestanding commemorative kiosk to honor Willie Mays. The kiosk will have a photo and brief description of why Mr. Mays is being honored.

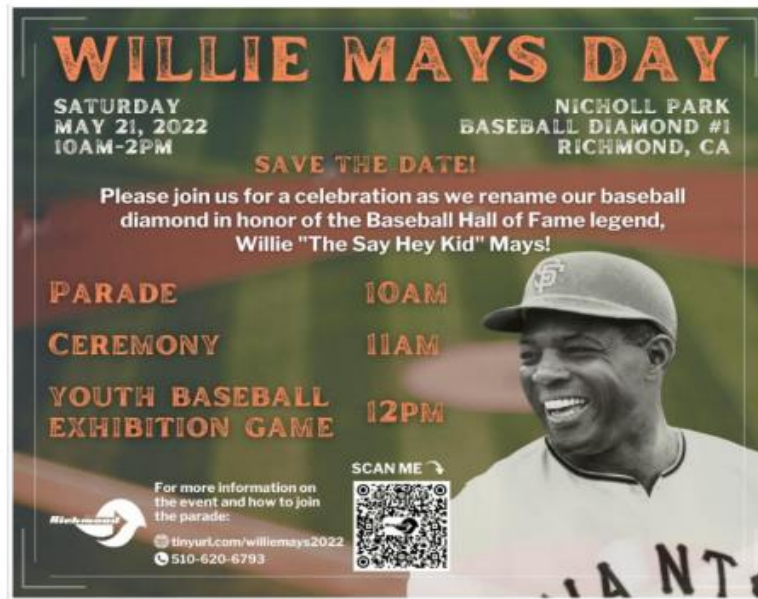
The commission envisions the Willie Mays Commemorative Kiosk as the first of several kiosks that will become a Walk of Honor to recognize local heroes. The commission will develop a criteria and application process to install additional kiosks in the future. The Willie Mays kiosk is the inaugural structure.

The location of the kiosk will be at the opening of Nicholl Baseball Field 1 on the cement platform. The Parks and Landscaping Division has been consulted and will install the kiosk. The unveiling will be held on May 21, 2022, at Nicholl Park at 11:00 AM. A rendering of the kiosk is attached.

The Recreation and Parks Commission would like to thank the San Francisco Giants and the Hurlbut Benevolent Foundation for their significant contributions to the Willie Mays Day Project. Other city departments that were instrumental in coordination, include Parks and Landscaping, the Community Services Division, the Mayor's Office, KCRT and the City Council Office. This project could not have been completed without the excellent work of city staff.

Willie Mays Day – Saturday, May 21, 2022

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us on Saturday, May 21, 2022, as we rename our baseball diamond at Nicholl Park in honor of the Baseball Hall of Fame legend, Willie "The Say Hey Kid" Mays. Mr. Mays participated in Richmond's Annual March of Dimes events in this park during the 1960s and 1970s to assist our youth in need. The event starts at 11:00 AM and we hope to see you all there! More information can be found at tinyurl.com/williemays2022.



DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

- Attachment 1 – Kiosk Design
- Attachment 2 – Willie Mays Kiosk Panels
- Attachment 3 – Aerial view of Nicholl Park
- Attachment 4 – Nomination Form to Install a Commemorative Kiosk at Nicholl Park
- Attachment 5 – Notice of Recreation and Parks Commission Approval