

INTRODUCED: July 25, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-240

To name the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street in the city of Richmond as “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field.”

Patrons – Ms. Lambert and Ms. Jordan

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEP 26 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council has from time to time found it appropriate to name or rename City-owned streets and facilities for historic and honorific reasons; and

WHEREAS, naming athletic fields after prominent individuals is a noted way to commemorate the lives and contributions of certain individuals; and

WHEREAS, William Jiggetts, a late citizen of Richmond’s Jackson Ward community, showed exemplary leadership and commitment to the City of Richmond and the youth of Jackson Ward and especially Gilpin Court, through his many endeavors including service as a coach, mentor, friend, and father to those in need; and

AYES: 7 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEP 26 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, William Jiggetts, known as “Coach Bo” throughout the Gilpin Court neighborhood, began volunteering as a youth sports coach with the Calhoun Community Center in 1982, and passionately taught respect for sports and the life lessons derived from them; and

WHEREAS, a highlight of his youth coaching career came in 2014 when he was part of the coaching staff of the Calhoun Cougars football team, who, as perennial underdogs, became the champions of the junior division in the City’s recreation center youth football tournament; and

WHEREAS, for over 37 years, William Jiggetts was dedicated to the children of the community, not only as a coach but also as a provider of supplies, shoes, clothes, rides, and sound advice, and never received a penny for his dedication, as his acts of service came from his heart; and

WHEREAS, while William Jiggetts passed away in 2020, his legacy and spirit will always be present at the athletic fields of the Calhoun Community Center and in the lives of the many young people whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, generally prescribe a process for the naming of City facilities, including recreation facilities such as the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street be named as “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field” without the necessity for strict compliance with the requirements set forth in sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

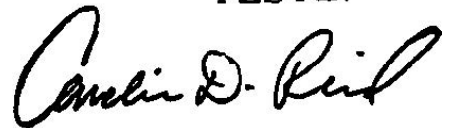
§ 1. That, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, or any other law to the contrary, the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street in the city of Richmond be and is hereby named as “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field.”

§ 2. That, in order to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance, the Chief Administrative Officer shall (i) cause the appropriate City agency to prepare and erect signs appropriately marking “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field,” (ii) request that all City agencies note such naming in the records maintained by each such agency, and (iii) take all other appropriate actions to effectuate the naming of the baseball field associated with the Calhoun Community Center and located at 300 Calhoun Street as “William ‘Bo’ Jiggetts Field.”

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Camelin D. Rind". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a stylized 'R'.

City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst

COPY Ann-Frances Lambert, 3rd District Council Member
Kiya Stokes, 3rd District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney

DATE July 7, 2022, rev. July 12, 2022

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TITLE Naming the Baseball Field at Calhoun Center in honor of the late William Jiggetts.

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☒ **Resolution** ☐

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Ann-Frances Lambert

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Naming the baseball field at Calhoun Center in honor of the late Mr. William Jiggetts. The City owns the property containing the baseball field. The Department of Recreation and Parks operates the facilities and grounds. City records show the baseball field as being located at 300 Calhoun Street, alternate address 306 Calhoun Street (Parcel ID N0000251015).

BACKGROUND

William Jiggetts, known as "Coach Bo," served as a volunteer coach for over 37 years at the Calhoun Center. Coach Bo was an advocate for the Calhoun Community. Mr. Williams coached every sport that Calhoun Center had to offer and was a part of the 2014 Championship Team's coaching staff. He began serving as a volunteer coach in 1982. He

passed away in 2020 and is remembered for his faithful service to community in which he lived and coached. He gave generously to financially support the teams he coached so that players could enjoy snacks and provide transportation to those in need moreover he gave generously of himself by offering guidance to players in need of mentorship.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Amendment Required Yes ☐ No ☒

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: There may be costs for signage. Those costs are not known at this writing.

Attachment/s Yes ☒ No ☐

Letter from Jermaine O'Neil, Supervisor Rec and Parks, verifying Mr. Jiggitts volunteer work.

Article from Richmond Free Press, 11/21/14 *Calhoun Cougars Win City League Championship*