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To: Recreation and Park Commission
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Lisa Bransten, Partnerships Division Head

From: Abigail Maher

Subject: Joe DiMaggio Playground – in kind grant of plaques

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action: 1) accept two plaques from the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, each being 2' x 3' feet, valued at approximately \$9,200.00; 2) approve the permanent installation of the plaques in honor of Joe and Dominic DiMaggio at Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach; and 3) waive the Recreation and Park Commission Gift Policy recommended limit of 2'x 2'feet for the size of plaques.

Background

The Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with two main goals: To enshrine the great athletes of the Bay Area and to help kids play sports. For the last 32 years, the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame (BASHOF) has supported youth sports while honoring the great athletes of the Bay Area.

They honor Bay Area athletes each year and make them a bronze plaque. They are known as the Hall “without a Hall”. They don’t have a physical Hall of Fame. Each enshrinee receives a bronze plaque of their likeness which is displayed at the annual Hall of Fame banquet and featured in the United Airlines terminal at SFO International Airport before being moved to a permanent location near the stadium, university, golf club, or school they were involved with in the Bay Area

Two of the great Bay Area athletes that have been honored are Joe and Dominic DiMaggio.

BASHOF has offered the (2) bronze (2' x 3') plaques of Joe DiMaggio and Dominic DiMaggio to Rec Park, to be installed and displayed at Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach.



Recreation and Park staff members and the Friends of Joe DiMaggio playground have discussed possible locations for the plaques. The preferred location is at the main entrance of the site, on the eastern clubhouse wall.

According to the Recreation and Park Commission Gift Policy, under the Matrix of Gifts: Plaques should be a maximum of 2' x 2', or 587 square inches, preferably smaller. The DiMaggio plaques have already been fabricated and are an in kind donation to the Department, therefore staff is requesting to waive the recommended size of plaques.

Joe and Dominic DiMaggio Background Information

The BASHOF website has information about each athlete inducted into their Hall of Fame; here is the background information on Dominic and Joe:

Born in San Francisco, where he played at Galileo High School, Dominic DiMaggio was signed by the Seals in 1937. He joined the Boston Red Sox in 1940, where he played 11 seasons, which were interrupted by three years of military service. He was an outstanding outfielder with great arm and a lifetime BA of .298.

Inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

One of the greatest outfielders of modern baseball, Joe DiMaggio, the "Yankee Clipper," began his career with the San Francisco Seals in 1932. Hitting safely in 61 consecutive games, which set a Pacific Coast record, he joined New York Yankees in 1936. In 1941, he set the all-time major league consecutive game hitting streak at 56. DiMaggio hit 361 home runs, including 8 World Series homers and compiled a lifetime average of .325. Named American League's Most Valuable Player 1939, '41 and '47, he held numerous batting and World Series records. He was All-Star team choice in 1937-42, 1947 and 1948 and was elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1955.

Inducted into the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1980.

Staff Recommendation

For the Commission to 1) accept two plaques from the Bay Area Sports Hall of Fame, valued at approximately \$9,200.00; 2) approve the permanent installation of the plaques in honor of Joe and Dominic DiMaggio at Joe DiMaggio Playground in North Beach; and 3) to waive the Recreation and Park Commission Gift Policy recommended size of plaques.

Supported By:

Supervisor Julie Christensen
San Francisco Parks Alliance
Friends of Joe DiMaggio Playground
Friends of Washington Square
North Beach Neighbors

Opposed By:

None Known

Attachment: Picture of the Joe DiMaggio Plaque