



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Olivia Esquivel, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: **Lely West Field Dedication**

BACKGROUND:

In August 2025, Debbie Boyles attended a Recreation Commission meeting to formally request that the Lely West baseball field be named in honor of her late husband, Bob Boyles. During her presentation, she outlined the significant and lasting contributions of both Bob Boyles and fellow community member Wes Wilson. Wilson, a World War II veteran, business owner, and longtime community coach, and Boyles, who served 25 years as a police officer while also dedicating many years to coaching local youth, each played an important role in serving the Orland community. Among their most notable contributions was their involvement in the original development and construction of the West baseball field at Lely Park.

ANALYSIS:

Wes Wilson and Bob Boyles are recognized within the community for their dedication to youth baseball and the development of recreational opportunities in Orland. Both individuals served for many years as committed Little League coaches and volunteers, mentoring generations of local youth athletes.

In addition to their coaching and leadership, they played a vital role in the original development and construction of the Lely West field. Their efforts helped establish a facility that continues to serve hundreds of children and families annually through organized youth sports programming. Their contributions represent the type of long-term volunteer service and community investment that the City seeks to acknowledge through facility naming.

Designating the field as “Boyles Wilson Field” would formally recognize their legacy and provide a lasting tribute to their impact on youth recreation in Orland.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council approve naming the Lely West baseball field "Boyles Wilson Field," contingent upon meeting all formal City procedures required for facility naming.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

There is no significant fiscal impact associated with the naming of the field beyond potential minor costs related to signage, which would be addressed through existing parks or recreational maintenance resources.