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	Agenda Item No. 41 Roll Call No. <u>16-1734</u> Communication No. <u>16-578</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Agreements between the City of Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation (GDMPAF) for funding, installation, maintenance, and display of “A Monumental Journey” sculpture.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the agreements between the City and the GDMPAF for the installation of “A Monumental Journey” sculpture by artist Kerry James Marshall in the Hanson Triangle in downtown Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: GDMPAF is responsible for costs associated with preparing the installation, maintenance, and display of the proposed “A Monumental Journey” sculpture.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Hansen Triangle is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Second Avenue and Grand Avenue in Des Moines. With the exception of the Quantum Leaf sculpture and fountain, Hansen Triangle and all of its remaining improvements are owned by the MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAm). Since both the City and MidAm wanted the Hansen Triangle to be used as part of the Riverwalk, they entered into a lease agreement in 2009 which dedicated it as leased parkland and as part of the Riverwalk.
- The GDMPAF is proposing a new sculpture named “A Monumental Journey” to be constructed in the Hansen Triangle. The new sculpture would honor the founders of the National Bar Association, 12 courageous African-American attorneys from Des Moines, Iowa, who changed the course of American history in 1925. At a time when the American Bar Association and other legal associations denied membership to African-American lawyers, these attorneys created their own legal organization. By honoring these individuals, the sculpture would preserve local cultural history that has had great significance at the national and international levels. The sculpture, which was inspired by the talking drum of West Africa, will stand 30 feet high and be constructed of manganese black brick.



A Monumental Journey

- The GDMPAF will be responsible for all costs associated with the delivery and installation of the sculpture and the structure it sits on along with all required maintenance, including washing, waxing, vandalism repairs, and graffiti removal. Upon termination of this agreement or the GDMPAF's demand for early removal, the GDMPAF, at its sole expense, will be responsible for the removal of the sculpture and the restoration of the site to a finished, safe condition.
- MidAm has reviewed and approved the installation of the sculpture pending approval of the agreement between the City and the GDMPAF for the installation of the sculpture. On August 17, 2016, the Access Advisory Board approved the installation of the sculpture. The Park and Recreation Board received and filed the installation of "A Monumental Journey" at the August 23, 2016 meeting. On September 27, 2016, the Riverfront Development Authority reviewed and approved the installation of the sculpture.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation

Date: August 23, 2016

Resolution Number: 16-063

Action: Motion by Woodard to receive and file public art project presentation. Second by Facto. Motion carried.

Board: Access Advisory

Date: August 17, 2016

Resolution Number: 16-022

Action: Motion by Oberbroeckling to approve project as presented. Second by Jones. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of contract for installation of “A Monumental Journey” sculpture.

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