

# **City Council Communication 97-574**

**December 8, 1997 Agenda**

**Subject:**

**Saint Paul Foundation**

**Rieger Grant**

**Submitted by:**

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Park and Recreation Director

**Synopsis —**

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Saint Paul Foundation Terms of Grant forms for acceptance of \$122,326, and authorize the Park and Recreation Director to sign all future Saint Paul Foundation Terms of Grant requests on behalf of the City.

**Fiscal Impact —**

Total grant commitment through 2002 - \$402,824

&#9;\$61,163 revenue to Trust and Agency Account 126078 - St. Paul Amateur Baseball

&#9;\$61,163 revenue to Trust and Agency Account 126177 - St. Paul Union Park

**Recommendation —**

**Approval.**

**Background —**

In 1995, the City was informed that the estate of George F. and Margaret E. Rieger, managed by the Saint Paul Foundation gifted the City \$402,824 in two separate grants for 1) the maintenance of Union Park playground, and 2) to promote, foster, and equip amateur baseball.

The City accepted the first payment in October 1995. The City shall continue to receive annual payments in varying amounts through the year 2002.

The Park and Recreation Department has installed new playground equipment at Union Park, using all of the funds acquired to date. The Park and Recreation Department will continue to work with the Union Park Neighborhood Association for future playground equipment improvements at Union Park.

At this time, only \$200 of the funds received to foster, promote, and equip amateur baseball have been spent. The Park and Recreation Department plans to use funds to redevelop the baseball field at Birdland Park and establish a matching grant program to assist Des Moines Little League baseball clubs. Throughout the past year, the Park and Recreation Department has hosted public forums and presented the development of the

baseball field at Birdland Park to the Union and Highland Park Neighborhood Associations.