

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-286

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 21, 1999

Design of Brian Melton Field and 28E Agreement between the City, Des Moines Asphalt and Paving, Iowa Barnstormers, Iowa Cubs, Polk County, and the YMCA of Greater Des Moines.

SUBJECT:

BRIAN MELTON
FIELD DESIGN AND
DONATION 28E
AGREEMENT

FISCAL IMPACT -

Estimated \$100,000 in donated materials and services to the City.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

On May 25, 1999, by Resolution No. 99-157, the Park and Recreation Board approved the design of Brian Melton Field and recommended approval of the 28E Agreement between the City, Des Moines Asphalt and Paving, Iowa Barnstormers, Iowa Cubs, Polk County, and the YMCA of Greater Des Moines. The Plan and Zoning Commission approved the design of Brian Melton Field during their regularly scheduled meeting on June 3, 1999.

Over the past several months, the Park and Recreation Department has been meeting with representatives from RDG Crose Gardner Shukert, Iowa Barnstormers, Iowa Cubs, YMCA of Greater Des Moines, and Polk County to discuss developing Brian Melton Field into an arena football field and youth baseball field. On May 5, 1999, a public meeting was held at the John R. Grubb YMCA for citizen input. The turnout was small, but those in attendance were very enthusiastic about

the proposed design. Meeting fliers were distributed door-to-door over a two-block radius of the site location and additional fliers were mailed to Enterprise Community service groups and neighborhood associations.

The following outline shows what each respective party will be providing for the development of this project:

· City of Des Moines	Site and construction coordination
· RDG Crose Gardner Shukert	Design concept
· Des Moines Asphalt and Paving	Asphalt for field and track
· Iowa Barnstormers	Artificial turf
· Iowa Cubs	Baseball field components
· Polk County	Grading and drainage construction
· YMCA of Greater Des Moines	Programming and supervision

On May 17, 1999, Des Moines Asphalt and Paving Company contacted staff and committed to donate all the asphalt work for the arena football field and track. Martin Marietta, Bituminous Materials, and Hallet Materials are all donating materials to Des Moines Asphalt and Paving who will complete the installation of the improvements.

This project is unique in the fact that two professional sports teams have come together with multiple agencies to develop a sports park at a single location for the betterment of the community. The Iowa Barnstormers, Iowa Cubs, and YMCA of Greater Des Moines are committed to making this project a reality and have pledged to assist with providing programming to inner city youth by offering positive athletic experience to a part of the community that is in need of services.