

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-430**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

On May 3, 1999, City Council member Harold Belken asked City staff to explore options for providing recognition for Ken Grandquist and devise a means to locate such recognition at Sec Taylor Stadium.

**SUBJECT:**  
  
KEN GRANDQUIST  
RECOGNITION AT  
SEC TAYLOR  
STADIUM

I visited with Sam Bernabe with the Iowa Cubs Baseball Team regarding this issue. We have agreed and jointly recommend that the Council have a plaque designed and installed on one of the main pillars in the home plate concourse at Sec Taylor Stadium. There is a City of Des Moines plaque already in this area on one of the pillars, and this is also the area that contains bricks with names of fans that purchased them

**TYPE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

The plaque is cast bronze and 24"x32" in size to match the size of the existing plaque. It can contain no more than 700 letters or characters. It can include either an etched halftone photograph of Ken Grandquist or the City Seal or the DSM logo. However, some of the detail of the City seal may be lost in the casting process. The estimated costs are as follows:

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
  
AMELIA  
HAMILTON-MORRIS  
CHIEF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
OFFICER

24"x32" Cast Bronze plaque w/ 5"x7" etched halftone photo	\$1,587.00
24"x32" Cast Bronze plaque w/ 5"long logo or seal	\$1,467.00
Installation costs	\$ 105.00

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

## **BACKGROUND -**

For your reference and review I have attached to the roll call a photo of the City plaque that is located in the concourse and a photo of the pillars to help identify the location. The inscription on the Grandquist plaque would read as follows:

*"In Honor of  
Kenneth L. Grandquist  
1923-1999*

*For his outstanding contribution to the game of baseball in Des Moines. In 1981 Grandquist and other local interests bought the Iowa Oaks Baseball franchise which became the Chicago Cubs AAA Farm Club in 1982 and the name changed to Iowa Cubs. Grandquist served as president of the organization and in 1992 he oversaw the construction of the new Sec Taylor Stadium. Under his direction, the stadium developed into one of the premiere Minor Baseball League facilities in the country. In 1997, during the Iowa Cubs 15th season of affiliation with the Chicago Cubs, Grandquist became the majority shareholder of the team.*

*Ken was past president of the American Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, a successful business owner, World War II Veteran, and a Des Moines native.*