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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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01-317

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

AGENDA:

JUNE 12, 2001

SYNOPSIS -

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Eastside Development Corporation and the City of Des Moines for the installation of a half-pipe at 2625 Easton, south of Easttown Park.

SUBJECT:

HALF-PIPE SOUTH
OF EASTTOWN
PARK

FISCAL IMPACT -

This half-pipe, which has a \$5,000 value, will be donated to the City and maintained by the City with an estimated annual cost of \$200 from the operating budget.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between Eastside Development Corporation and the City for the installation of a half-pipe at 2625 Easton, south of Easttown Park.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

On April 24, 2001, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board recommended approval of accepting the half-pipe donation to be installed at 2625 Easton, south of Easttown Park.

On November 28, 2000, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board received and filed a request from Dr. Steven Fuller to privately fund-raise and donate to the City a half-pipe to be placed at 2625 Easton, south of Easttown Park (E. 33rd and Hubbell).

Dr. Steven Fuller contacted the Park and Recreation Department staff requesting the City to consider installing a half-pipe at Easttown Park to provide a recreational opportunity to youth interested in this type of activity. Dr. Fuller is receiving assistance from Bill Paterson, Copy Systems; Jack Leachman, Leachman Lumber; and support from the East Des Moines Chamber and Greater Eastside Development

Corporation.

Staff has reviewed the site and is recommending that the half-pipe be located across the street from Easttown Park on storm water detention property. The site location at Easttown will be under construction next summer for improvements to the 7th Ward Ditch. In addition, the original site location provided several challenges with the existing playground equipment at Savage Softball Complex.

A public meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 2001, at the Four Mile Community Center to receive citizen input to this proposal. Residents at the meeting have expressed an interest in having this amenity added to the neighborhood as another recreational opportunity for their children.
