

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-488

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 9,
2002

SUBJECT:

NAMING YOUTH
BASEBALL FIELD
AT MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. PARK
AFTER H. DALE
AND LOIS BRIGHT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Approval to name the baseball field at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park the H. Dale and Lois Bright Youth Baseball Field.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None (significant funds have been provided by the Bright Foundation).

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

Jim Nahas, representing the Iowa Cubs organization, submitted a request to the Park and Recreation Board to recognize H. Dale and Lois Bright for their gifts to support youth baseball in low-/moderate-income areas in Des Moines.

The Bright Foundation's gifts through the Iowa Cubs have developed two baseball fields, one at Brian Melton Field (11th and Washington) and another at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (East 17th and Garfield). A third field location at Chesterfield Park (SE 26th and Scott) is under consideration once the current softball league play at that location is transferred to the Greater Des Moines Softball Park. Additionally, the funds have been used to provide free baseball clinics from Iowa Cubs players to Des Moines youth at these field locations.

On August 27, 2002, the Park and Recreation Board, by a vote of 8-0, recommended approval of naming the baseball field at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park the H. Dale and Lois Bright Youth Baseball Field.

