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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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Roll Call

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

### SUBJECT—

Preliminary Agreement with Meredith Foundation to build a new playground in M.L. King Park.

### SYNOPSIS—

To approve a preliminary agreement between the City and the Meredith Foundation which allows Meredith to build a new playground in M.L. King Park.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

The value of the gift from Meredith is estimated to be \$38,500. The City's contribution is estimated to be \$6,000 for surface materials, and the City will assist with project coordination and construction as needed, using Park and Recreation Department staff to work with project volunteers. Source of City Funds- CIP Account CP040 PKS990000 PKS137.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

### BACKGROUND—

Last week the Meredith Foundation called the City Parks and Recreation Department and proposed a project to improve M.L. King Park. The Foundation has been working through Rebuilding Together 2004 and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa to make improvements in the M.L. King Park neighborhood. The Foundation suggested that that they would be able to contribute money and labor to build a new playground in M.L. King Park. The Park Master Plan includes a new playground, which was slated for construction in 2005-06 through the City's

Capital Improvement Program. A more detailed agreement as to how the project gets built is being negotiated. This action is intended to express the City's intent to accept this gift.

The project includes a volunteer day project by Meredith representatives to construct the playground on October 7, 2004. The Access Advisory Board reviewed the project plans on August 18, 2004. The Board provided input and approved the project plans. This playground will be A.D.A compliant.