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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Agenda Date: 09/12/05  
Agenda Item Type: Resolution

Communication No.: 05-494  
Roll Call No.:

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

### SUBJECT—

Consultant Approval for Union Park Site Plan

### SYNOPSIS—

Approves hiring Dunbar/Jones PLC, (Tom Dunbar, Principal, 526 E. Grand, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309), to site plan the west end of Union Park that contains the Heritage Carousel, picnic shelter, and main parking lot.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

\$14,015. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Program for Park Improvements—Park Redevelopment: CP040 PKS9900000 PKS100 – Page 18.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

### BACKGROUND—

Over the past few years, several improvements have been made to the west end of Union Park in the area around the main parking lot including the addition of the Heritage Carousel, renovation of the southwest and central picnic shelters, replacement of the wading pool, and renovation of the Rocket Slide. Traffic congestion has greatly increased and pedestrian safety has become a serious concern in and around the parking lot that serves these facilities. On weekends and holidays in particular, it is often necessary to require the presence of City Police to maintain an orderly flow of vehicles and ensure citizen safety. The Park and Recreation Department has agreed with the Union Park Neighborhood

Association that the City should make improvements to the parking lot and connecting pathways to help reduce the congestion that has developed. Staff recommends Dunbar/Jones PLC for the project.