



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

May 22, 2006

Agenda Item No. 57

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-291

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving 28E Agreement with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation to collect and disperse charitable contributions for the design and construction of various improvements at the James W. Cownie Baseball and Soccer Parks.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the agreement with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation (GDMCF). GDMCF has committed to collect and disperse charitable contributions in the amount of \$1,130,000 over three years toward the design and construction of various improvements at the James W. Cownie Baseball and Soccer Parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,380,000 is the estimated cost for improvements.

Funding Source: Funding will come primarily from private donors as follows:

- \$300,000 from MidAmerican Energy over two-years beginning in 2005.
- \$750,000 from the Patty and Jim Cownie Charitable Fund over three years.
- \$80,000 to be raised by the Local Organizing Committee, chaired by Kim Walker.

The remaining \$250,000 will be provided by the City with funding from the FY07 CIP. As explained in a letter from the City Manager dated April 21, 2006, funding is not currently budgeted for this purpose. The Park and Recreation Department will reevaluate other parks projects scheduled for next year to re-allocate funding for this effort. The determined funding source(s) will be outlined in future Council Communications regarding action to approve construction of improvements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In anticipation of hosting the 2006 US Youth Soccer National Championships and 2007 US Youth Region II Championships, Jim Cownie agreed to conduct an additional fundraising effort to complete the

improvements identified below at the James W. Cownie Baseball and Soccer Parks. The Convention and Visitor's Bureau has estimated the economic impact of these two events to exceed \$10,000,000.

The 28E Agreement by and between the City of Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, which is on file in the City Clerks office, provides for the City to receive \$1,130,000 over three-years toward the design and construction of the following improvements:

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| • 1,000 stadium seat expansion on "Coach" Cownie Stadium | City/Foundation |
| • 750 stadium seats on MidAmerican Energy Stadium | Foundation |
| • 400 seats on MUSCO Light Field | Foundation |
| • Asphalt stamped entrance plaza to concession stand | Foundation |
| • Lighting of fields number 7 and 8 | Foundation |
| • Scoreboards on fields number 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | Foundation |
| • Tournament schedule and results video display system. | Foundation |
| • New signage for both sports parks including way-finding | Foundation |
| • Two open air shelters | City |
| • One playground system | City |

The recommendation from the City Manager to the City Council is for the City to install two open-air shelters and a playground system estimated at \$250,000 prior to the US Youth Soccer Region II Championships in June of 2007. The terms of the Agreement allow for either the City to receive donated funds to cover City bid projects or allow the Foundation to enter into agreements with contractors to perform work on City property subject to appropriate review, approvals and permits.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 5, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-1088

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation (GDSMF) to purchase and install lighting on two fields and three parking lots at the James W. Cownie Soccer Complex and to provide partial funding to the City of Des Moines for construction of stadium seating, field fencing, sidewalks, scoreboard and a press box, at a total estimated cost of \$573,000. ([Council Communication No. 03-214](#)). Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

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Action:

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Future action by the City Council to amend the FY07 CIP budget by \$250,000 to construct two open-air shelters and one playground at the James W. Cownie Soccer Park.