



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

December 17, 2007

Agenda Item No. 56

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-751

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving donation of “Mother’s Pearl” Sculpture for display at Principal Park.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving and accepting a sculpture entitled “Mother’s Pearl” by Jane DeDecker at Principal Park Stadium. This sculpture is being donated by Barbara & Michael Gartner to the City for the continued enjoyment of the public, having been on display at the stadium since the summer of 2007. The Park and Recreation Director has reviewed this request and recommends acceptance of the gift and continued display of the sculpture at Principal Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: None

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The City of Des Moines owns Principal Park and the immediate areas surrounding it. On August 26, 1991, the City Council entered into a lease of Principal Park and its vicinity with the Greater Des Moines Baseball Company. The lease allows Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. to operate Principal Park Stadium and assumes responsibility of general maintenance therein. On August 23, 2004 the City Council acted to extend the term of lease to December 31, 2022 with two five-year renewal options.

The gift donation of this statue by Barbara and Michael Gartner will be for the enjoyment of the public and improvement of the overall aesthetics of Principal Park. The gift is appraised at \$52,000. All maintenance and upkeep will be provided by the Greater Des Moines Baseball Company.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1888](#)

Action: [Second](#) Amendment to Lease Agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (GDMB) for Principal Park to eliminate the City’s responsibility for trash removal. ([Council Communication No. 06-646](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: August 23, 2004

Roll Call Number: [06-1812](#)

Action: Items regarding Sec Taylor Stadium/Principal Park: On amendment to lease agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (GDMB) to allow renaming of Sec Taylor Stadium to Principal Park and extend term of lease to December 31, 2022 with two five-year renewal options and to provide for the construction and use of a trail along the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 13, 1999

Roll Call: 99-2845

Action: Revised Addendum to Lease Agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co, for lease of property including Sec Taylor Stadium and vicinity, to clarify roles of National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues and the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball. Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Flagg abstained from voting.

Date: August 26, 1991

Roll Call: 91-3688

Action: Provides for the lease of Sec Taylor Stadium and the vicinity to Greater Des Moines Baseball Company.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE