



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date April 7, 2008

Agenda Item No. 59
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-182
Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp
Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the third amendment to the lease agreement for Principal Park with the Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. d/b/a Iowa Cubs

SYNOPSIS:

Approve the third amendment to the lease agreement with the Iowa Cubs for the construction, operation, maintenance and ownership of a Miracle League Baseball field at Principal Ball Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

The Des Moines Kiwanis, with support from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, are raising the private funds necessary for the construction and development of a Miracle League Baseball field on land owned by the City but under management by the Iowa Cubs as a part of their lease agreement. The Iowa Cubs have agreed to build, own, program, and maintain this improvement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On Tuesday, March 25, 2008, the [Des Moines Park and Recreation Board](#) recommended to the Des Moines City Council approval of the third amendment to the Iowa Cubs lease agreement for the construction, operation, maintenance, and ownership of a Miracle League Baseball Field at Principal Ball Park.

The Iowa Cubs in conjunction with the Des Moines Kiwanis and with support from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute are requesting approval to construct a Miracle League Baseball Field on land currently under lease by the Iowa Cubs located west of SW 3rd Street and north of the Meredith Trail. Additional private land owned by Hubbell Realty will also be required to provide the needed space for this project.

The third amendment to the Iowa Cubs existing lease agreement allows for the construction, management, maintenance, and ownership of the Miracle Baseball Field. Specifically, all plans and specifications shall be submitted for approval by the Park and Recreation Director, as well as all other approvals required for the construction of an improvement to a City facility at the time of execution of the agreement. A copy of the third amendment to the lease agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

This amendment will allow the Iowa Cubs to construct and use a "Miracle League" Baseball Field to provide specialized leagues to persons with disabilities and other recreational and educational uses,

including clinics, for the benefit of the citizens in Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines area communities.

The Miracle Baseball League began in 1998, and consists of a handicapped accessible baseball field, usually a poured in place surface for both the infield and outfield. The guiding principles for the league include:

- Every player bats once each inning
- All base runners are safe
- Every player scores a run before the inning is over (last one up gets a home run)
- Community children and volunteers serve as “buddies” to assist the players
- Each team and each player wins every game.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: [06-1988](#)

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: [04-1812 \(A\)](#)

Roll Call Number: [04-1813 \(B\)](#)

Roll Call Number: [04-1814 \(C\)](#)

Roll Call Number: [04-1815 \(1\)](#)

Action: [04-1812 \(A\)](#) On amendment to lease agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (GDMB) to allow the 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. Motioned carried 7-0

Action: [04-1813 \(B\)](#) Setting Date of Hearing on agreement for bridge funding for Principal Park Stadium Seating, not to exceed \$1,000,000, (9-13-04). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion carried 7-0

Action: [04-1814 \(C\)](#) Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code renaming Sec Taylor Stadium to Principal Park Stadium. Moved by Hensley to adopt that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. The Mayor will send a letter expressing the Council’s desire that the field and press box maintain the “Sec Taylor” name. Motion carried 7-0.

Action: [04-1815 \(1\)](#) Final consideration of ordinance above, (waiver requested by City Manager), requires 6 votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, #14,369. Motion carried 7-0.

Date: September 13, 1999

Roll Call Number: 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 Number: 91-3688

Action: Resolution approving modifications to the previously approved Lease Agreement for Sec Taylor Stadium relating to the timing for construction of tenant improvements in conjunction with the City's renovation of the stadium. Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion carried 6 – 1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: February 26, 2008 Park and Recreation Board

Action: Receive and File communication regarding the development of a Miracle League Baseball Field at Principal Park.

Date: March 25, 2008 Park and Recreation Board

Action: Approved the lease amendment on the development of a Miracle League Baseball Field at Principal Park.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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