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	Agenda Item No.	28A
	Roll Call No.	<u>13-0320</u>
	Communication No.	<u>13-106</u>
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Director of Park and Recreation

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve purchase of site furniture for the Principal Riverwalk.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving purchase and shipping of site furniture for the Principal Riverwalk including 16 benches, 22 bicycle racks, 35 trash receptacles, and 2 picnic tables from Landscapeforms, 431 Lawndale Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49048-9543, Bill Main, President and CEO.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$96,835

Funding Source: 2013-14 Recommended CIP, Page Park Improvements-15, Principal Riverwalk, PKS162, Being \$96,835 Tax Increment Bonds Issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On April 9, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-0512, City Council approved the Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Principal Life Insurance Company (Principal) for the Construction and Funding of 2012 Riverwalk Improvements, which provided that the City would place way-finding signage and furnishings, as part of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Park and Recreation Department staff conferred with the Downtown Community Alliance to identify appropriate locations for furnishings including benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles and bicycle racks throughout the Principal Riverwalk. Bench locations were chosen to take advantage of scenic views and to create rest areas; locations for bicycle racks were selected for visibility and security near gathering spaces; provision of adequate opportunities for the public to dispose of refuse, as well as ease of emptying containers was considered in determining locations of trash receptacles; and picnic table locations were chosen based on presence of mature shade trees and adequate space. Additionally, locations were chosen to complement the design of the promenade and trail while ensuring accessibility and ease of maintenance and snow removal. Maps on file with the City Clerk identify the selected locations; staff may slightly modify some locations prior to installation by Parks staff.

It was determined that furnishings should include 16 benches, 22 bicycle racks, 35 trash receptacles (three of which would be for future location or replacement needs), and 2 picnic tables. The cost of \$96,835 includes shipping costs. Furnishings now in place on portions of the Riverwalk along the west

side of the Des Moines River between Walnut Street and Court Avenue, and between Locust Street and Grand Avenue were purchased from Landscapeforms and installed during construction completed in 2012. To ensure consistency with the overall Riverwalk design, these furnishings must be identical to those which have already been installed and therefore also come from that same source. Also to maintain design consistency along the Riverwalk and replace worn items, eleven of the proposed trash receptacles will replace those that are currently in place at Simon Estes Amphitheater, Brenton Skating Plaza, and on the Center Street Bridge; the existing eleven receptacles will be re-finished if necessary and re-installed in the cemeteries.

The architect and Principal chose the site furnishing style and this company because they are known for their attractive design, high quality and durable products. Maintenance of the furnishings, including trash removal, is included with the overall maintenance of the Riverwalk, which is covered in a September 25, 2006 agreement between the City, Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority and Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID).

As noted previously, the April 2012 agreement between the City and Principal for the Construction and Funding of 2012 Riverwalk Improvements provided that the City would place way-finding signage as well as furnishings as part of its CIP. The City's fulfillment of the way-finding signage is currently under development.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 25, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0964](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) the execution of amendment No. 1 to the Vision Iowa agreement for the Principal Riverwalk. ([Council Communication No. 12-334](#)). Moved by Hensely to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 9, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0512](#)

Action: [Approving](#) agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company for the construction and funding of 2012 Riverwalk Improvements. ([Council Communication No. 12-151](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 19, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-2267](#)

Action: [Project](#) Cooperation Agreement with Department of the Army for construction of Phase I of the Principal Riverwalk and approving agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company and The Des Moines River Front Development Authority for responsibility of Non-Federal Sponsor financial obligations and work related to the Principal Riverwalk. ([Council Communication No. 07-680](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: February 15, 2012

Action: Approved the plans for 2012 Riverwalk Improvements

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Approval of the way-finding signage plan and proposed expenditure.

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