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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 34B <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>13-1409</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>13-465</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Awarding contract for tennis and takraw court resurfacing services to Blacktop Repair Service Inc.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend awarding a contract for sealed bid number V14-012 regarding Tennis and Takraw Court Resurfacing Services in the amount of \$179,793.60 to Blacktop Repair Service Inc., (Patricia Hicks, President, 16340 Nowthen Boulevard, Anoka, MN 55303) for court improvements at Drake, Greenwood, MacRae, Sheridan, Tower, and Evergreen Parks.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$179,793.60

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program, Park Improvements, CP040PK99/PK137, page 13

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Park and Recreation Department manages a total of 65 tennis courts at 21 locations throughout the park system; this includes 55 full-size courts and 10 quick-start courts for youth. This spring an assessment of the courts was completed to determine each court’s condition. That evaluation found that the courts at Drake Park, Greenwood Park, MacRae Park, Sheridan Park, and Tower Park were in need of repair. In addition, while staff met with representatives from Merle Hay, Sheridan Gardens, and Westwood neighborhoods this year to discuss potential improvements to their parks, the neighborhoods’ tennis courts were mentioned as one of the top priorities.

In 2012, a former basketball court at Evergreen Park was repurposed to create the City’s first two (2) takraw courts. Often referred to as kick volleyball, takraw is a unique, traditional game of Southeast Asian origin. Although play is similar to volleyball, this sport uses a rattan ball and players are only allowed to use their feet, knees, chest, and head to touch the ball. With the popularity of this sport growing in Des Moines, staff is recommending resurfacing of the Evergreen Park courts and installation of permanent lines.

On July 31, 2013, the Procurement Division of the Department of Finance sent five (5) vendors an invitation to bid on tennis and takraw court resurfacing services; specifications included installation of new nets and posts, armor crack repair, court resurfacing, finish color and striping for eight (8) tennis courts and armor crack repair, court resurfacing, finish color and striping for two (2) takraw courts. The

armor crack repair is guaranteed to last 10 years, which helps prevent the courts' surfaces from further deterioration. In Central Iowa, the finish color and striping typically lasts five (5) years. The courts at Sheridan and Tower Parks will also be striped for the game of pickleball, bringing the total number of courts available in Des Moines to eight (8). The bid closed on August 21, 2013, with only the bid from Blacktop Repair Service Inc. received. A review of the bid indicated only a moderate increase over the same company's 2012 bid award for tennis court resurfacing at the Birdland Park tennis complex and Harmon Park.

Blacktop Repair Service Inc. has been the City's successful lowest bidder for tennis court resurfacing for the past several years. Their experience, knowledge, and workmanship in performing this service have helped the Park and Recreation Department continue to provide high-quality tennis courts for the citizens of Des Moines.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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