

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: October 21, 2013
	Agenda Item No. 33 Roll Call No. <u>13-1649</u> Communication No. <u>13-522</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Accepting Columbus Park playground equipment and associated improvements installed by Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc., d/b/a Rebuilding Together.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommends that City Council accept newly installed playground equipment and related improvements in Columbus Park, 1921 Southeast 1st Street, donated by Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc., d/b/a Rebuilding Together, and assembled with volunteers and other contributors by Rebuilding Together.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated value of the donation is \$50,000. The City’s contributions included \$6,235.42 for survey, site plan, and review of construction by the Engineering Department and \$1,440.00 for the Park and Recreation Department’s purchase of engineered-wood-fiber safety surfacing and grass seed.

Funding Source: FY 2014 CIP, \$4,895.42 G.O. Bonds - Neighborhood Park Improvements, CP040PKS990000, PKS 137, page 15. FY 2014 Operating Budget, \$1,440.00 - GE001 PKS070400, page 172.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The newly installed Columbus Park playground was a project of Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, Inc. (Rebuilding Together), a national non-profit organization dedicated principally to helping low-income homeowners, through home renovation and repair. On September 23, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1487, City Council authorized an agreement between the City and Rebuilding Together, which set forth the responsibilities of each party for the Columbus Park playground project. This agreement states that the City Park and Recreation Director or his designee shall review the improvements prior to accepting them as property of the City. Park and Recreation staff has inspected the playground equipment and associated improvements and has confirmed that all relevant safety standards have been met and hereby accepts the playground and associated improvements.

In conjunction with Rebuilding Together, Meredith Corporation donated the playground and work of its employee volunteers who completed the work to assemble and install the equipment and related

improvements on October 3, 2013. The new playground includes multiple climbing elements and slides with Meredith's choice of a ship theme.

This unit was shown to, and approved by the McKinley/Columbus Neighborhood Association at its September 3, 2013 meeting. The playground is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and was reviewed by the Access Advisory Board on August 21, 2013.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: September 23, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1487](#)

Action: [Donation](#) and Construction Agreement with Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc. d/b/a Rebuilding Together regarding Columbus Park Playground. ([Council Communication No. 13-478](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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