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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 37 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>13-1816</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>13-560</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, <b>Park and Recreation  Director</b>

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of a Donation Agreement between the Greater Des Moines Baseball Company (Iowa Cubs) and the City of Des Moines for irrigation equipment and installation at the Greater Des Moines Softball Park.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approving a Donation Agreement between the Iowa Cubs (an Iowa corporation whose address is One Line Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) and the City of Des Moines for irrigation equipment and installation in the infields of the four (4) playing fields of the Greater Des Moines Softball Complex located at 4980 NE 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Estimated value of the donation is \$11,600.

Funding Source: N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On March 20, 2006, by Roll Call No. 06-0568, the City Council entered into a three (3) year maintenance agreement with the Iowa Cubs to provide custodial and horticultural care of the James W. Cownie Soccer Park. On November 20, 2006, by Roll Call No. 06-2313, the City Council approved an amendment to the original maintenance agreement to add the James W. Cownie Baseball Park.

Given the exceptional care and resulting condition of the athletic fields provided by the Iowa Cubs, on February 9, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-0152, the Des Moines City Council approved a five (5) year maintenance agreement with the Iowa Cubs, with an option for one (1) additional five (5) year renewal, to provide custodial and horticultural care to both the Cownie soccer and baseball parks and also various athletic fields including the Greater Des Moines Softball Complex located at 4980 NE 46<sup>th</sup> Street. The term of this agreement expires on December 31, 2013; it is expected that both parties will mutually agree to renew the agreement for the additional five (5) years.

By way of a Donation Agreement with the City of Des Moines, the Iowa Cubs would like to donate irrigation systems on the four (4) infields at the Greater Des Moines Softball Complex; they will provide both the funds for and installation of these improvements. The Iowa Cubs feels that this donation will further enhance the condition and level of play of the softball fields for the benefit of the

citizens of the City of Des Moines and the hundreds of teams participating in the more than 1700 games played annually at the complex.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 9, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-152](#)

Action: Items regarding City's budget reductions:

- (B) [Maintenance](#) Agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Company (Iowa Cubs) to maintain various athletic fields. ([Council Communication No. 09-053](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 20, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-2313

Action: [Addendum](#) to three-year Maintenance Agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (GDMBC) to add the maintenance responsibilities of James W. Cownie Baseball Park. ([Council Communication No. 06-740](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: March 20, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-568

Action: [Maintenance](#) Agreement with Greater Des Moines Baseball Co. (Iowa Cubs) for custodial care and horticultural maintenance at James W. Cownie Soccer Park, not to exceed \$275,000 per year. ([Council Communication No. 06-147](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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