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	Agenda Item No. 30 Roll Call No. <u>15-509</u> Communication No. <u>15-134</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Donation Agreement with the Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Foundation for funding of sprayground at Greenwood Park.

SYNOPSIS:

The Mary K. and Daniel M. Foundation, (Daniel M. Kelly, President, 3900 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312), has committed a charitable contribution in the amount of \$330,000 over five (5) years towards the construction of a new sprayground at Greenwood Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$350,000 is the City Engineer’s estimated cost for the new sprayground

Funding Source: \$330,000 - Donation and \$20,000 - 2014-20145 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Park – 19, Wading Pools Improvements, PK034, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In October 2014, Mary and Dan Kelly and their children spoke to Park and Recreation Director Ben Page about their desire to make a significant financial gift toward a project in Greenwood Park. Director Page suggested the donation be used to replace the wading pool with a new sprayground. The Kelly family then met with Parks and Recreation Department staff to develop a concept and plan for creating the water feature in Greenwood Park. City Engineering Department has completed the design drawings in anticipation of a spring and summer construction and completion in fall 2015.

In recent years, the Park and Recreation Department has been replacing the traditional wading pools with spraygrounds. Spraygrounds provide a higher level of service than the traditional wading pools because they have no standing water, no attendant required for operation, can operate seven (7) days a week and can be activated by users in the park. This highly sought water feature amenity has been constructed with great community support in McHenry Park, Columbus Park, Good Park, and the newest one opening this spring in Grandview Park.



The Donation Agreement by and between the City of Des Moines and Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Foundation, which is on file in the City Clerk's office, provides for the City to receive \$66,000 a year for five (5) years beginning in March 2015, for a total gift of \$330,000 towards the construction of a new sprayground at Greenwood Park. The terms of the Agreement include a small sign of recognition for improvement made possible by a gift from the Dan and Mary Kelly Foundation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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