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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 62 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>16-1539</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>16-489</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving and authorizing the execution of agreements between the City of Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation (GDMPAF) for funding, installation, security, and maintenance of The Truth Booth.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval of the agreements between the City and the GDMPAF for installation of the Truth Booth artwork in Western Gateway Park in downtown Des Moines.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: GDMPAF is responsible for costs associated with preparing the design, installation, maintenance, and removal of the proposed Truth Booth.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The GDMPAF is proposing a short-term installation of “The Truth Booth” artwork in Western Gateway Park located at 1000 Grand Avenue in Des Moines. If approved, the artwork would be installed on September 28, 2016, be on display on September 29, 2016, and be removed on September 30, 2016. The site where the artwork would be displayed would be restored on October 1, 2016.
- The artwork is an installation comprised of a touring, portable, inflatable 'Truth Booth' that was launched in 2011 at the Galway Arts Festival in Ireland. The exterior is shaped like a giant cartoon speech bubble with the word 'TRUTH' boldly printed on the side. The interior acts much like a photo booth, but serves to compile 2-minute long video responses from the public. Once seated inside they will then be invited to record their opinions and thoughts as they finish the statement: The truth is... Video footage will be compiled and edited into a video artwork. The movements of the Artwork and sample responses will be tracked, edited, and categorized on the website: [www.insearchofthetruth.net](http://www.insearchofthetruth.net).
- The GDMPAF will be responsible for all costs associated with the delivery, installation, maintenance, insurance, security, and removal of the Artwork along with the restoration of the site after the artwork is removed. The GDMPAF will also be responsible to comply with all

applicable federal, state, and City laws and regulations relating to installation and use of the artwork, including fire code regulations required by the Des Moines Fire Department.

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

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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