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|  | <b>Agenda Item No.</b> 36<br><b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>16-1620</u><br><b>Communication No.</b> <u>16-536</u><br><b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director |

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of a Donation and Construction Agreement between Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc. (Rebuilding Together) and the City of Des Moines regarding Redhead Park playground.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approving a Donation and Construction Agreement between Rebuilding Together, an Iowa non-profit corporation, Kimberly Hansen, Executive Director, 1111 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 265, Des Moines, Iowa, and the City of Des Moines in order to construct a new playground and related improvements at Redhead Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Estimated value of the donation is \$70,280. The estimated cost of the City’s contribution is \$33,250.

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), \$21,000 G.O. Bonds - Park Improvements, C040PK99, PK137, page 10; FY 2017 CIP, \$12,250 G.O. Bonds – Road, Sidewalk, and Utility Improvements – Parks, C040PK99, PK175

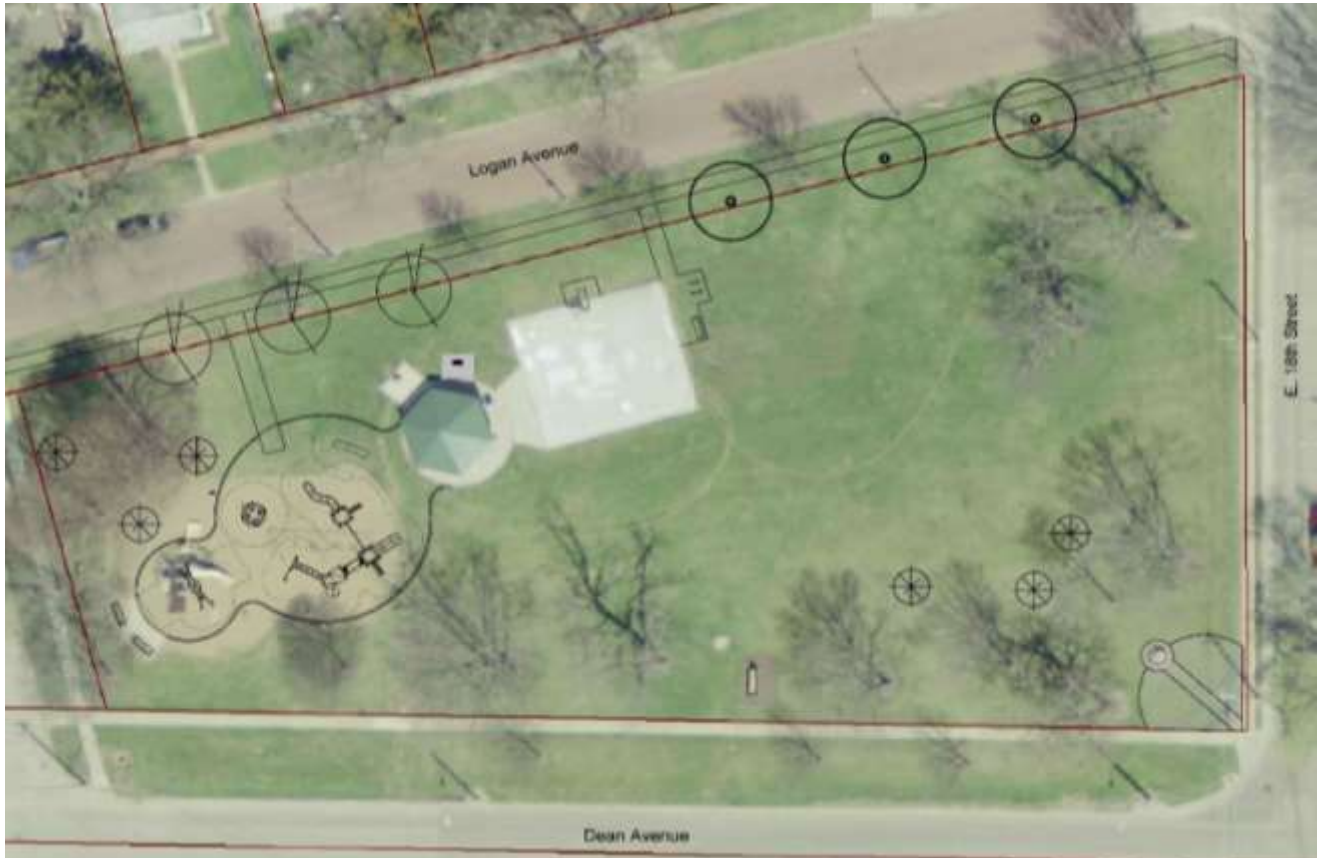
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Redhead Park revitalization is a project of Rebuilding Together, with volunteer work completed by Meredith Corporation employees. Rebuilding Together is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, Inc., a national non-profit organization dedicated principally to helping low-income homeowners, through home renovation and repair. The mission statement of Rebuilding Together is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that qualified homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, and families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence.

The Redhead Park revitalization will include six (6) work areas: a new playground (meeting all safety and accessibility standards), new site furnishings including bike racks and benches, new trees, new entry and history signs, improved basketball features, and a freshly painted shelter which was recently dedicated to Nadine Hogate.

The rich history of Redhead Park played a significant role in the concept and equipment selection for this revitalization project: Mr. Wesley Redhead, who is considered by many to be a founding father of the City, owned the property until 1886 when he generously gifted his 1.1 acre front yard as a park to the City, historically known as East Park. Prior to it being a City park, Mr. Redhead offered the use of

his property to the Barnum & Bailey Circus as a campsite during the production's stays in Des Moines. From 1861-1865, the property was a Union Army rendezvous point for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Infantries. In 1925, a plaque to commemorate these brave volunteers was added to the site and will be given a place of honor in this revitalization. Related, in 1879, Mr. Redhead helped secure the State Fair permanently in Des Moines and donated much of the current fairground property for its relocation to Des Moines.



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

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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