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	Agenda Item No. 41B Roll Call No. <u>18-0153</u> Communication No. <u>18-042</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Enter into a donation agreement with Variety – The Children’s Charity of Iowa (Variety) for a new playground at Riverview Park, 710 Corning Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend entering into a donation agreement with Variety (Sheri McMichael, Executive Director, 505 5th Avenue, Suite 310, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) in exchange for a charitable contribution for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Des Moines for a playground at Riverview Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Accept donation in the estimated total amount of \$500,000 from Variety.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City is undertaking a significant construction project at Riverview Park to build various park amenities anticipated to be complete in 2020.
- Based on the success of the Ashley Okland Star Playground at Ewing Park, Variety wishes to fund and build another new playground for the City of Des Moines that will provide an opportunity for children of all abilities to be mobile and active, regardless of their physical, mental, or special-needs state. This proposed playground would be the second “all-inclusive,” or specifically designed for all children, including those with special needs, in the City’s park system.
- Variety board members met with Parks staff to determine the best location for this type of playground. After visiting various sites, a location in Riverview Park was determined to be the best suited.
- The proposed, donated playground fits well with the overall approach to these improvements at Riverview Park.
- The project approach will follow the approach taken for Ashley Okland Star Playground at Ewing Park:
 - Variety will work closely with City Parks and Recreation staff to finalize the design.

- Engineering staff will produce construction documents that Variety will use to contract with a qualified general contractor to build the playground per approved engineered plans.
- Where appropriate and as outlined in the agreement, Variety may utilize volunteers to complete some of the work.
- With the final City acceptance of this donation, this playground will be named the Variety Star Playground at Riverview.
- Variety has until December 31, 2018 to raise all funds necessary to execute the donated project.
- The project will follow and fit within the overall Riverview Park construction timeline.
- The following drawing shows the location of the playground near the entrance to Riverview Park.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Acceptance of the donated playground and approval donor's naming request. Additional actions related to the overall Riverview Park improvements outlined in other Council Communications are also anticipated.

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