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	Agenda Item No. 35 Roll Call No. <u>18-0211</u> Communication No. <u>18-063</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Enter into an agreement with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines (Foundation) for partial private funding of the James W. Cownie Sports Complex Signage Improvements.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend entering into an agreement with the Foundation (Kristine M. Knous, President, 1915 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309) to facilitate a charitable contribution for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Des Moines for the construction of signage improvements for the James W. Cownie Sports Complex, which includes both the James W. Cownie Baseball Park and James W. Cownie Soccer Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$100,000 in City funding and an estimated \$500,000 in private contributions from the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines

Funding Source: 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Park Improvements – 16. Sports Complexes, PK176, Being \$100,000 in G.O. Bonds, and the remaining to be paid by private funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The James W. Cownie Soccer Park and James W. Cownie Baseball Park are popular sports venues that attract thousands of out of town visitors to the City of Des Moines for sporting events each year.
- The proposed improvements will improve wayfinding to and enhance the identity of our City’s premier Sports Complex destination that includes both James W. Cownie Soccer Park and James W. Cownie Baseball Park.
- The proposed project will result in signage improvements for the Sports Complex, including:
 - Two directional signs along SE 14th Street, one along the northbound lanes and the other along the southbound lanes.
 - One overhead entry sign that arches over Hartford Avenue.
 - Signage recognizing current and past project donor(s).

- The project components associated with SE 14th Street (Highway 69) will require Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval.
- The City is funding a maximum of \$100,000 towards completion of the project and private funding managed by the Community Foundation will fund the remaining cost of the project, which is estimated to be \$500,000 for a total estimated \$600,000 project.
- If the project is terminated, the Foundation will reimburse the City for its costs to-date, up to the amount available in the Fund.
- It is also recommended, under separate Council Communication, that the City concurrently enter into a separate agreement for professional services with Simonson & Associates Architects, LLC to design, document, facilitate IDOT approval, and assist with construction observation for this project.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

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

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