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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 44 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>18-1001</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>18-282</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Des Moines, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Walt Disney Company for acceptance of a \$30,000 Play Spaces grant award for Belle M. Turner Park Phase 2 Improvements.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approving a MOU with the NRPA and Walt Disney Company for the acceptance of a \$30,000 Play Spaces grant award for construction of multiple improvements at Belle Turner Park, as recommended in the park’s 2017 master plan update. Per the MOU, the NRPA and Disney may use the City and/or park names, photos, and/or information related to the project for promotional purposes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$30,000 NRPA grant revenue toward an overall Phase 2 improvements estimate of \$75,000.

Funding Source: \$30,000 in grant funding from the NRPA and the Walt Disney Company; \$45,000 G.O. Bonds issued, Page Park Improvements – 11, Park Improvements, PK137.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- Belle M. Turner Park, once a prairie ecosystem, was acquired for parkland in 1972. From 1974 to 1976, Federal Land & Water Conservation Funds were used to create this park.
- In the spring of 2017, the Park and Recreation Department engaged the Highland Park Neighborhood Association in two (2) public meetings to develop an updated master plan for the park.
- In the fall of 2017, Phase 1 improvements were completed with volunteers from the Highland Park Neighborhood Association and Lamar Advertising working with Park and Recreation staff to construct a new playground and other site amenities.
- Phase 2 improvements include a walking loop, wildlife carvings, seating boulders, and native plantings. The walking loop, a key feature of the Phase 2 improvements, was a high priority for the neighborhood. All Phase 2 improvements are anticipated to be complete by November 1, 2018.

Belle M. Turner Park - Phase 2 Improvements



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: September 25, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1670](#)

Action: Purchases from the following:

- (D) [Outdoor](#) Recreation Products (Jennifer Pospichal, President) for playground equipment for Belle Turner Park per National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Contract for use by the Parks & Recreation Department, \$63,933. ([Council Communication No. 17-683](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Cownie.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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