

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: July 9, 2018
	Agenda Item No. 27 Roll Call No. <u>18-1163</u> Communication No. <u>18-344</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of donation agreement with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines regarding resetting of monuments at Woodland Cemetery.

SYNOPSIS:

The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines (with the support of several donors) proposes an agreement to provide a sum of \$25,000 to pay for the leveling and resetting of between 250-350 monuments in Woodland Cemetery, Blocks 17, 18 and 19 with the work to be completed by October 31, 2018.

The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines desires to make a donation to the project provided the City contributes a match of \$25,000 during Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$25,000 revenue from Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, requiring a \$25,000 match from the City of Des Moines.

Funding Source: 2018-2019 Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Page Parks 4, Cemetery Infrastructure and Improvements, PK138, being \$25,000 donation from the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, \$25,000 G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- As a perpetual care cemetery, memorials adhere to requirements specified by the City. Most of the monuments date from before the early 1900s and have no known living individuals caring for the monuments. At the time the monuments were installed, few regulations were in place regarding installation methods, which has led to monuments that are leaning or have fallen. The disrepair negatively impacts the marketability of all City of Des Moines cemeteries.
- The donors of the project felt Blocks 17, 18 and 19 needed attention because there are many stones in serious disrepair that impact the appearance of the cemetery. The scope of work does not include monuments that have damage (chips, cracks, broken pieces, or faded lettering) or mausoleums.

- The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines donation requires a dollar for dollar match between Foundation and City funds in order for the City to receive the full \$25,000.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 28, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1490](#)

Action: Bids from the following:

- (A) [Des Moines-Winterset Memorials](#) (Ryan Gruhn, President) for monument repair services at Woodland Cemetery as requested by the Parks and Recreation Department, \$46,500. (Seven potential bidders, one received). ([Council Communication No. 17-612](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt; refer to the City Manager to send a letter of thanks to Gerald LaBlanc for his hard work on projects at the Woodland Cemetery. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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