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	Agenda Item No.	53
	Roll Call No.	<u>18-1374</u>
	Communication No.	<u>18-405</u>
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to acquire the necessary property interests for the James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to acquire the necessary property interests for the James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Improvements Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

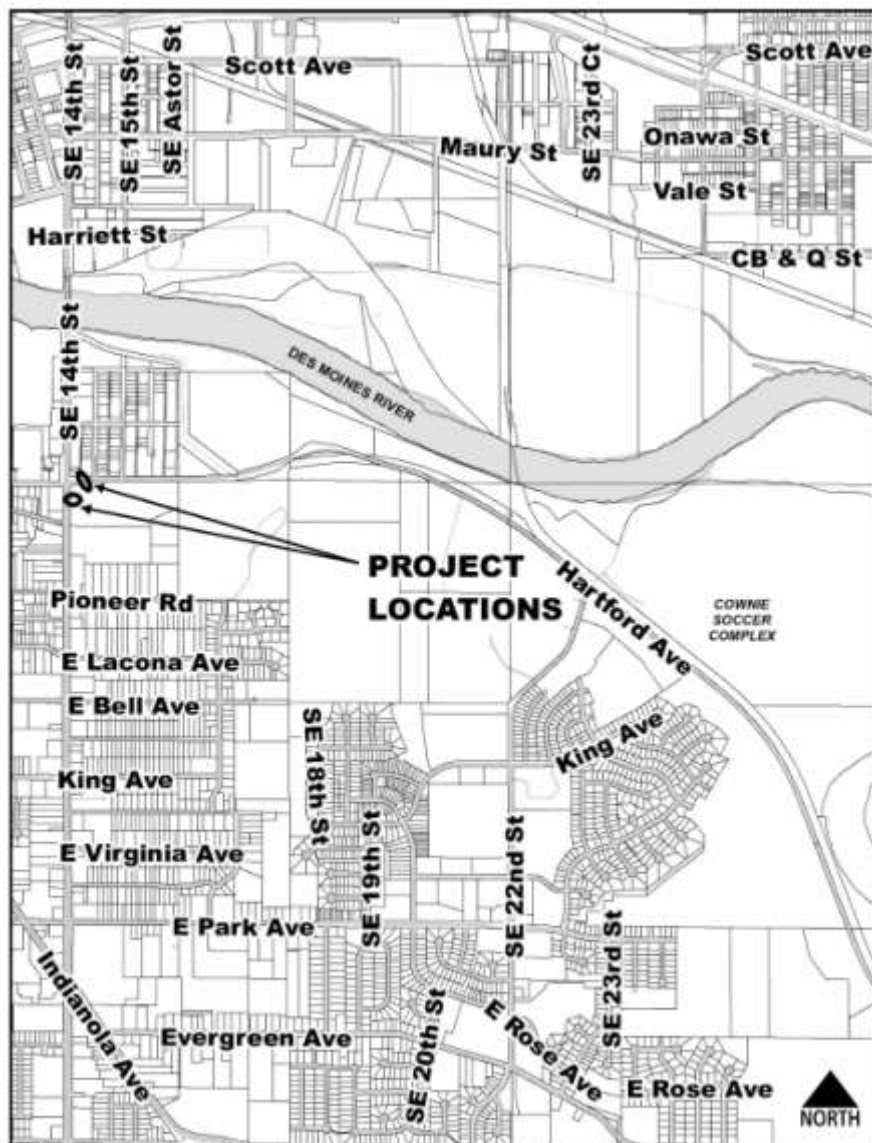
Amount: \$10,000 plus closing costs.

Funding Source: 2018-19 CIP, Page Park Improvements – 16, Sports Complexes, PK176

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 (2) directional signs along SE 14th Street, one (1) along the northbound lanes and the other along the southbound lanes.
 - One (1) overhead entry sign that arches over Hartford Avenue.
 - Signage recognizing current and past project donor(s).
- The addition of the sports park wayfinding signage at this high traffic intersection will help draw sports tournaments to the facilities and economic impact to Des Moines.

- On July 16, 2018, under provisions of 6B.2D of the Iowa Code, notice of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of private property by eminent domain for the James W. Cownie Sports Park Signage Project was mailed to each property owner, contract purchaser and tenant of the property proposed be acquired for the Project.
- Additionally, a cover letter accompanied the notice that provided the estimated acquisition schedule and the process for determining fair market value of the property interests needed for the Project.
- At this time, a Permanent Easement for Signage on property owned by Edward L. Garner at 2013 SE 14th Street is needed for this project. Relocation assistance will not be required for this acquisition.
- Mr. Garner has the right to attend the City Council meeting on August 6, 2018, to voice any objections to the proposed acquisition of a permanent easement on his property.



ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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