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	Agenda Item No. 33 Roll Call No. [_____] Communication No. <u>18-456</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of Agreement between the City of Des Moines (City) and the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation (GDMPAF) for funding, installation, maintenance, and display of “Miffy Fountain” sculpture (the Artwork).

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the agreement between the City of Des Moines and the GDMPAF for the installation of “Miffy Fountain” sculpture by artist Tom Sachs in the Western Gateway Park in downtown Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: GDMPAF is responsible for costs associated with preparing the installation, maintenance, and display of the proposed “Miffy Fountain” sculpture.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation wishes to install “Miffy Fountain” a sculpture by artist Tom Sachs in the Western Gateway Park in downtown Des Moines.
- The following excerpts about the art are taken from GDMPAF website about the art and artist:
 - “Miffy is a character recognized globally as a symbol of childhood. Drawn in a minimalist style by the Dutch author of the Miffy series of books, her youthful adventures in growing up sometimes include events that make her cry...”
 - “The proposed site for *Miffy Fountain* (2008) takes advantage of the very public ground exterior space along Locust Street in downtown Des Moines. *Miffy Fountain* is unique because it is made of cast bronze and functions as an outdoor fountain.”
 - “Credit: Gift in Memory of Melva Bucksbaum from her daughter Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan, and sons Gene Bucksbaum and Glenn Bucksbaum. Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation Collection, 2018.”
- GDMPAF will retain the ownership of the Artwork, provide for maintenance of the Artwork, including maintenance and repair of the fountain portion of the Artwork and take on sole responsibility for any and all utility costs such as, but not limited to water and electricity.

- GDMPAF shall be responsible for all costs associated with the delivery and installation of the Artwork, Viewing Area and landscaping/irrigation modifications.
- Utility connections to the Artwork will not interrupt City functions such as irrigation.
- GDMPAF shall complete the installation of the Artwork, Viewing Area and Landscaping and utility connections by October 30, 2018.

Proposed location of “Miffy Fountain”



Rendering of what “Miffy Fountain” will look like installed in Western Gateway Park.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: April 18, 2018

Resolution Number: 18-23

Action: Motion by Gibson to approve the placement of the Artwork and the Viewing Area. Second by Green. Motion carried 8-0-1.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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