


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-380	Meeting:	September 9, 2019
	Agenda Item:	47	Roll Call:	19-1414
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Donation and Construction Agreement with Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc. (d/b/a Rebuilding Together) regarding Ashby Park located at 3200 38th Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving a Donation and Construction Agreement between Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, Inc. (d/b/a Rebuilding Together), an Iowa non-profit corporation, Kimberly Hansen, Executive Director, 1111 9th Street, Suite 265, Des Moines, Iowa and the City of Des Moines in order to construct a new playground and related improvements at Ashby Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated value of the donation is \$147,000. With the receipt of a matching funds grant from GameTime, A Playcore Company, through Cunningham Recreation, the project donation amount will total approximately \$81,000. The estimated cost of the City's contribution is \$25,000.

Funding Source: 2019 CIP, Park Improvements Page – 16, Park Playground Improvements, PK185, Being: \$20,000 in G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Ashby Park playground and related park improvements is a project of Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines, made possible via a donation from Meredith Corporation Foundation and volunteer work completed by Meredith Corporation employees. This will be the 14th City park and/or playground revitalization project supported by the generosity of Meredith Corporation and its foundation.
- Rebuilding Together Greater Des Moines is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, Inc., a national non-profit organization dedicated principally to helping low-income homeowners, through home renovation and repair. The mission statement of Rebuilding Together is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that qualified homeowners, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, and families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence.

- Ashby Park improvements as part of the Rebuilding Together project will include new playground equipment and surfacing (meeting all safety and accessibility standards) in both the 2-year-old to 5-year-old and the 5-year-old to 12-year-old playgrounds, new benches and bike racks, and significant plantings throughout the park's woodland area.
- The community build day at Ashby Park will be held on October 10, 2019.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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