


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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### AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the Donation and Installation Agreement between Kick It Forward and the City of Des Moines for the addition of a futsal court at Birdland Sports Park.

### SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the Donation and Installation Agreement between Kick It Forward (301 East Walnut Street, Studio 6, Des Moines, Iowa 50309), and the City of Des Moines for the installation of a futsal court at Birdland Sports Park (300 East Holcomb Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa).

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Estimated value of the donation is \$110,000.

Funding Source: N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In the fall of 2018, representatives from Kick It Forward approached the Parks and Recreation Department with an idea to donate the first public futsal court in the Greater Des Moines metro area to be placed in one (1) of the City's parks.
- Futsal is a variation of soccer that is played on a hard surface that is smaller than a typical soccer field. Tennis and pickleball courts often serve as dual use with futsal in other communities.
- The addition of futsal to the Birdland Sports Park helps to further the LiveDSM goal of Attraction, supporting the year-round programming that attracts people to parks by providing another recreation facility not currently offered in the community and offers the ability to provide another type of recreation programming to the community.
- After exploring different sites, the quick start tennis courts at Birdland Park were selected. Several factors went into the decision to target this location including:
  - The ability to place the modular mini-pitch system on the existing hard surface
  - Minimal site preparation work, the proximity to the existing recreation amenities such as restrooms and parking

- The presence of other recreational amenities including; Birdland Pool, tennis courts, pickleball courts and the soccer fields under construction east of Birdland Pool
- The quick start tennis courts are infrequently used and quick start tennis can still be programmed on the existing tennis courts or the pickleball courts because they do not need a permanent net.
- The pickleball and quick start tennis courts are a remnant of full-size tennis courts that existed before the Birdland Levee was rebuilt and needed a portion of the tennis court complex. Rather than completely remove the row of tennis courts, they were reduced in size and have been used for pickleball and quick start tennis.
- Proposed location of futsal court at Birdland Sports Park:



- The system comes complete with lighting, fencing, goals, benches and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access. Example of a futsal court:



- Kick It Forward was established in 2012, when the founder, Matt Sahag, began taking equipment donations and providing private training in return for players raising money to donate to different charitable causes. Kick It Forward has a mission to foster community through soccer by developing athletic and life skills with youth to allow them to be a powerful resource during their life journey.
- Once the futsal installation is completed, Des Moines Park and Recreation will maintain the court, process reservations, and manage recreational programming. These responsibilities will begin immediately upon acceptance of the construction, which is anticipated to be complete in early 2020.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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