


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-561	Meeting:	December 21, 2020
	Agenda Item:	49-I	Roll Call:	20-2139
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving acceptance of donation of a playground at Riverview Park from Variety the Children's Charity Iowa and naming of playground the Variety Star Playground.

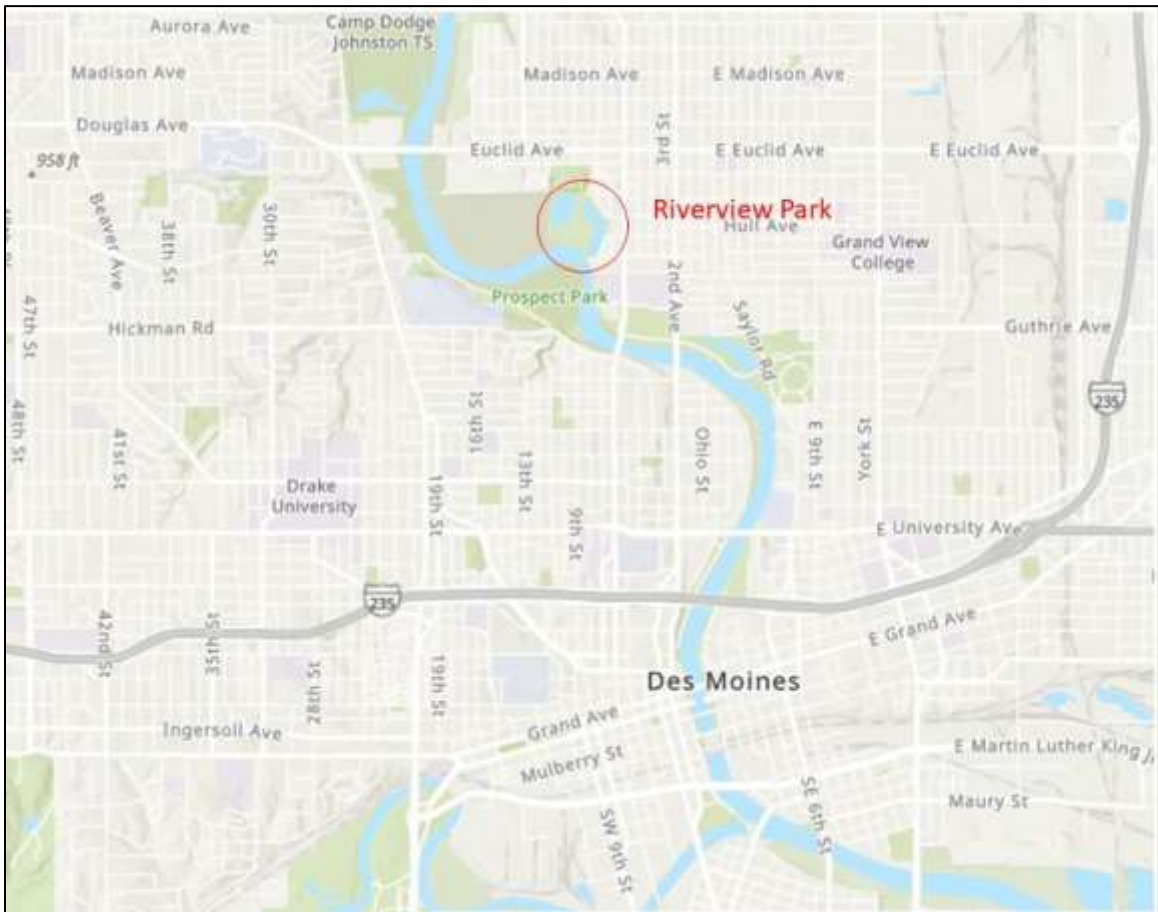
SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of accepting the donation of the playground at Riverview Park from Variety the Children's Charity of Iowa (Variety), an Iowa nonprofit corporation, (Sheri McMichael, Executive Director State of Iowa, 505 5th Avenue #310, Des Moines, IA 50309), and naming the playground the Variety Star Playground.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Riverview Park, located at 710 Corning Avenue, has been under construction for the past three (3) years. The 8-acre park includes an open-air stage, main lawn for public audiences, historical sight lighting, pedestrian bridge and access road.
- Variety, working together with other donors, desired to make a charitable contribution to the park in the form of a playground. The City and Variety entered into a donation agreement for the construction of the Variety Star Playground in 2018. A provision of the agreement states that the new playground's official name is to be the Variety Star Playground.
- Variety purchased the playground equipment from Landscape Structures of Delano, MN. The equipment underwent extensive customization, with the help of a local graphic design firm, in order to make the equipment look more like the rides and attractions once found at the historic amusement park.
- Variety hired a concrete contractor, a certified playground equipment installer, a certified playground safety surface installer, and a custom metal fabricator to professionally manufacture, fabricate and install all improvements.
- The playground construction was finalized in November 2020 and the department's certified playground inspector audited and signed off on its compliance with playground safety code.
- The total donation of the Variety Star Playground at Riverview Park is estimated at \$750,000.





PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 22, 2018

Roll Call Number: [18-0153](#)

Action: [Approval](#) of donation agreement with Variety - the Children's Charity of Iowa regarding playground at Riverview Park. ([Council Communication No. 18-042](#)) Moved by Westergaard to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Final acceptance of other Riverview Park improvements.

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