


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>24-348</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 19, 2024</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>27</b>	Roll Call:	<b>24-1159</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Receive and file documents related to restoration for the Miffy Fountain Sculpture and approve second amendment to the agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation for the Miffy Fountain Sculpture at Western Gateway Park.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receive and file of documents, approval of second amendment to the agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation for the Miffy Fountain Sculpture at Western Gateway Park.

### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2018, the City of Des Moines entered into an agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation for the installation and maintenance of the Miffy Fountain Sculpture.
- This installation is in Western Gateway Park and is located at the south entrance of the Des Moines Public Library Downtown Branch.
- Due to the length of installation, the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation had a restoration team evaluate the status of the Miffy Fountain Sculpture in May 2024. During this evaluation, it was noted that the fountain has sustained damage to the basin.
- The restoration crew believes the basin has one more winter season before it begins to rust, if not repainted soon.
- The Greater Des Moines Art Foundation has contracted with Genus Architecture to plan and implement a skating deterrence through the use of rumble textured pavers leading up to, and around, the fountain's basin.
- Additional information regarding where the pavers will be placed, and the material to be used, can be found in the receive and file documents.
- Due to restoration being a maintenance task, the cost to place the pavers around the Miffy Fountain Sculpture will be covered by the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1844](#)

Action: [Amendment](#) to Agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation for the installation and maintenance of Miffy Fountain Sculpture in Western Gateway Park. ([Council Communication No. 19-487](#))

**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 viewing area. Second by Green. Motion carried 8-0-1.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Approved amendment and overview of the project will be presented to the Access Advisory Board and Library Board for informational and advisory purposes.

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