COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Number:	**25-234**	Meeting:	**June 9, 2025**
Agenda Item:	**46**	Roll Call:	**25-0849**
Submitted by:	**Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director**		

CITY OF DES MOINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase of lighting to be installed on the Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park from Baker Group at a total cost of $109,661, approving use of State of Iowa contract MA20448B, and authorizing negotiation and execution of supplemental agreement with Baker Group.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase and installation of lighting on the Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park from Baker Group (1600 S.E. Corporate Woods Drive, Ankeny, IA 50021; Doug Kumm, President) at a total cost of $109,661. The purchase utilizes pricing from State of Iowa Contract MA20448A. Lighting will enhance the boardwalk's functionality and visibility while offering programmable color schemes to engage the public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: $109,661

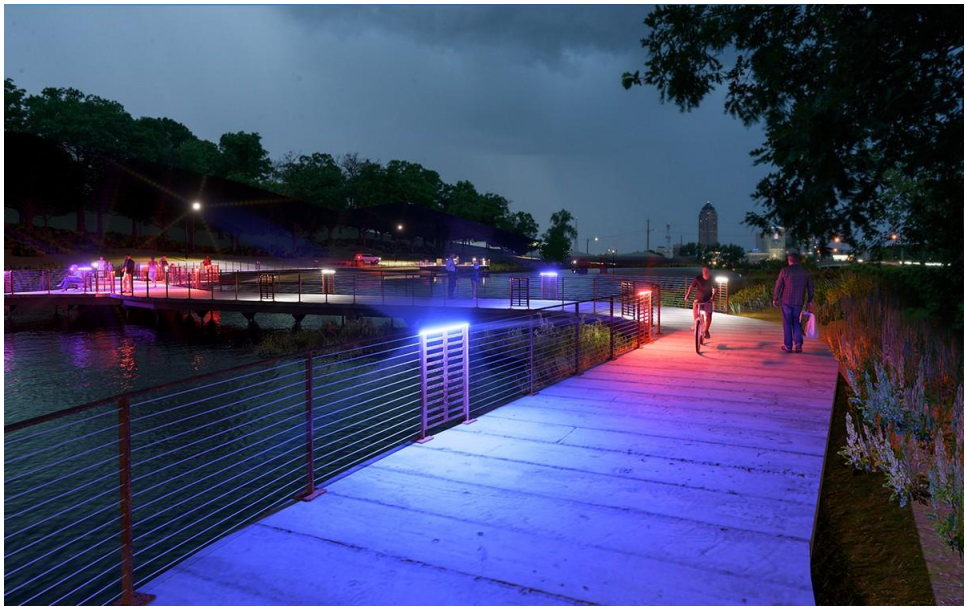
Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 84, Park Improvements, PK175, Being: G. O. Bonds in the amount of $89,661 and $20,000 of Private Contributions, Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk was constructed in 2022 as part of the Phase 3 improvements to MacRae Park.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony for MacRae Park Phase 3 was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, to celebrate the park's new multiuse trail, pedestrian bridge, boardwalk, enhanced fishing areas, open-air shelter, custom nature playscape, including a playground and sprayground, and reconstructed park road with storm sewer, parking, and accessibility upgrades.
- The proposed boardwalk lighting system is partially funded with $20,000 from the 2024 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant program.
- The proposed lighting will enhance aesthetics, visibility, awareness, and extended usage of the boardwalk and MacRae Park.

- The proposed lighting includes programmable color-changing capabilities for programming seasonal and event-themed illumination.
- The Procurement Division has determined the equipment and installation are available through competitively bid State of Iowa Contract MA20448A.
- Pursuant to Des Moines Municipal Code Section 2-726(b)(18), the City may procure goods/services from state-established contracts without further competitive bidding.
- The City will enter into a supplemental agreement with Baker Group to execute the project under the State contract.

Renderings of proposed lighting improvement for the Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 10, 2021

Roll Call Number: 21-0707

Action: Donation and naming agreement with Thomas and Linda Koehn Foundation and Des Moines Park and Recreation Foundation for Boardwalk at MacRae Park and naming the boardwalk the "Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park". (Council Communication No. 21-212) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: March 17, 2021

Resolution Number: 21-14

Action: Motion by Thompson to Approve. Seconded by Bowman. Motion Carried 9-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Execution of supplemental agreement with Baker Group following Council approval.

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