


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 25-313 | Meeting: | August 18, 2025 |
| | Agenda Item: | 26 | Roll Call: | 25-1126 |
| | Submitted by: | Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of donation agreement with Carol Maher and Des Moines Park and Recreation Foundation D/B/A Friends of Des Moines Parks for funding of bicycle rack installation project.

SYNOPSIS:

Approving donation from Carol Maher provided to the Friends of Des Moines Parks for use by the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase and install 140 bicycle racks for 23 park locations identified collaboratively by the Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of Des Moines Parks and Carol Maher.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$40,000 Charitable Donation

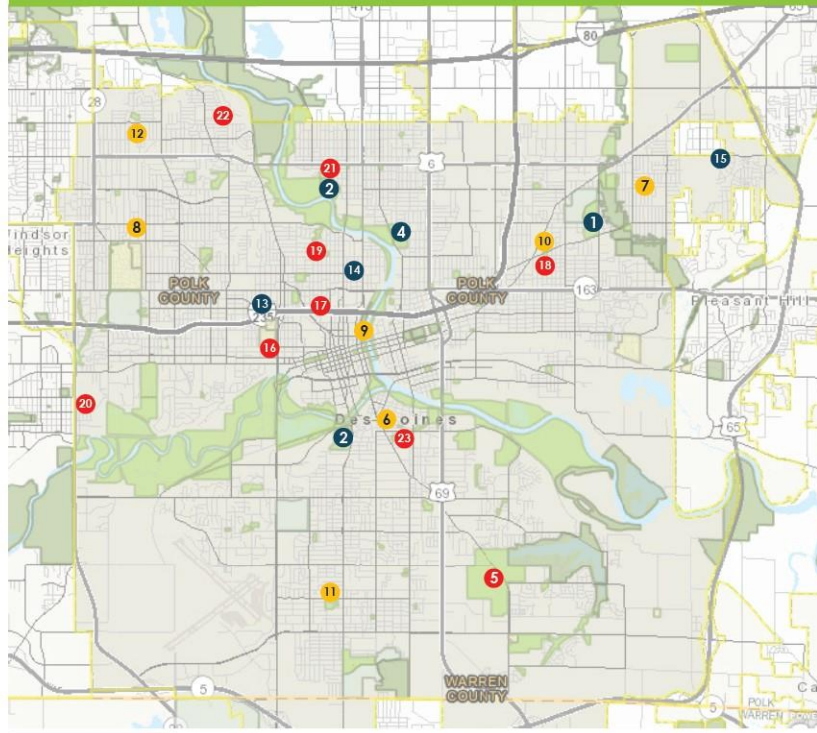
Funding Source: : Donation \$40,000: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 75, Multi-Use Trails

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Carol Maher approached the Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of Des Moines Parks with a proposal to provide a generous donation that would support bicycling to, from and within the City's parks and trail system.
- During the collaborative development of this opportunity, 23 park sites were identified that could benefit from the installation of a total of 140 bicycle racks to improve multi-modal access and encourage sustainable transportation. The donor has agreed to contribute \$40,000 to the Friends of Des Moines Parks for purchase of these bicycle racks by September 1, 2025 and will be recognized in five (5) locations with plaques that read Ride On Des Moines.
- Upon completion of the installation, the Friends of Des Moines Parks will be invoiced to provide the donor funding to the City.

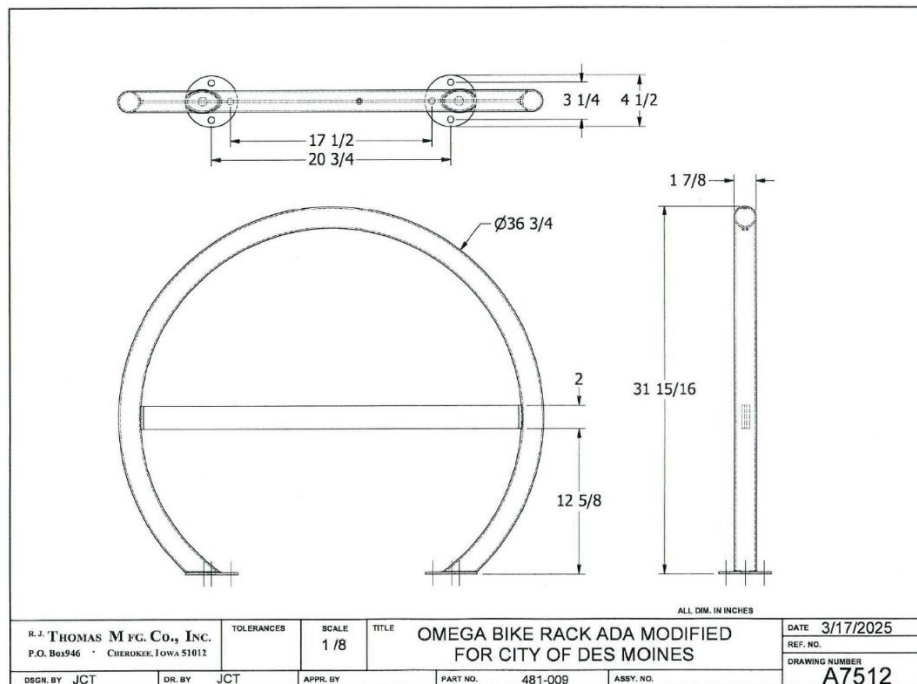
- Phased installation of the bicycle racks is scheduled to begin in late summer 2025, with anticipated completion in 2027.
- The bike rack location exhibit details the 23 park locations and the 140 racks anticipated for installation at each location.

Bike Rack Locations



Park List and Bike Racks Needed

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|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Grandview Park | 12 |
| 2. MacRae Park | 6 |
| 3. Riverview | 9 |
| 4. Union | 4 |
| 5. Ewing | 13 |
| 6. Columbus | 7 |
| 7. Sheridan | 3 |
| 8. Tower | 9 |
| 9. Rotary | 3 |
| 10. Easttown | 9 |
| 11. George Nahas | 10 |
| 12. Hoover (NW Aquatics) | 10 |
| 13. Drake | 6 |
| 14. Bates | 3 |
| 15. Brook Run | 3 |
| 16. Chamberlain | 3 |
| 17. Cheatom | 5 |
| 18. Easton Basin | 3 |
| 19. Edna Griffin | 3 |
| 20. Frisbie | 3 |
| 21. McHenry | 5 |
| 22. Woodlawn | 5 |
| 23. Stone Park | 6 |



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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