


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>26-122</b>	Meeting:	<b>April 6, 2026</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>21</b>	Roll Call:	<b>26-0439</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Parks and Recreation Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing negotiation and execution of donation agreement with Des Moines Parks and Recreation Foundation for concrete buggy.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of authorizing negotiation and execution of donation agreement with Des Moines Parks and Recreation Foundation d/b/a Friends of Des Moines Parks, 1551 E Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy, Des Moines, Iowa, 50317; (Beth Pargulski, President,) and the City of Des Moines for the purchase and donation by the Foundation to the City of a concrete buggy.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Value of donation is \$12,095

Funding Source: N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Des Moines Park and Recreation Foundation, known as the Friends of Des Moines Parks or the Friends, is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that was founded in 1993 to secure philanthropic dollars from grants, private donors, event sponsors and corporate partners to support the City's 92 parks, 100+ miles of trail, Parks and Recreation facilities, and numerous recreational programs.
- In addition to these 92 parks, 100+ miles of trail and more than 4,000 acres, the Parks and Recreation Department is also charged with the responsibility of operating and maintaining the City's municipal cemeteries, which span over 400 acres with more than 190,000 interments.
- The Friends of Des Moines Parks desires to and has offered to purchase and donate a concrete buggy to the City for the benefit of the residents of Des Moines and to reduce manual labor, physical strain and improve safety for staff who perform tasks that could utilize such a resource. Transporting and pouring concrete foundations for each new monument that is installed at the cemeteries and other similar concrete installations, transporting other materials like soil, gravel and playground mulch on job sites with limited vehicle access including cemetery blocks, playgrounds and other park sites where a wheelbarrow would normally be used are examples of how the concrete buggy will be used.

- The Friends and the Parks and Recreation Department have reviewed details such as warranty, longevity, and functionality and jointly selected the most appropriate concrete buggy, which is to be solely acquired by the Foundation, and the City desires to accept such donation.
- The Parks and Recreation Department staff will negotiate a donation agreement that provides for the Friends to make such a purchase and donate it to the City.



*Concrete Buggy Vehicle*

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: April 10, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0544](#)

Action: [Donation](#) Agreement with Des Moines Parks and Recreation Foundation for Evelyn K. Davis Park Basketball Court Improvements project. ([Council Communication No. 23-166](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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