

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-198	Meeting:	June 8, 2026
	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	26-0685
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Parks and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving third amendment to agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation (GDMPAF) for the installation and maintenance of Miffy Fountain Sculpture at Western Gateway Park.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of third amendment to the agreement with the GDMPAF for the Miffy Fountain Sculpture at Western Gateway Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On September 10, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-1519, the City Council approved entering into an agreement with the GDMPAF for the installation and maintenance of the Miffy Fountain Sculpture in Western Gateway Park located in proximity to the south entrance of the Des Moines Public Library Downtown Branch.
- On November 18, 2019, by Roll Call No. 19-1844, the City Council approved the first amendment to this agreement to clarify responsibility for landscaping abutting the Miffy Fountain Sculpture Plaza.
- On August 19, 2024, by Roll Call No. 24-1159, the City Council approved the second amendment to this agreement allowing GDMPAF to make repairs and improvements to both the sculpture and the surrounding plaza. Repairs included conservation work and correcting vandalism to support longevity. Similarly, the improvements to the plaza paving surface intended to help limit misuse and impacts of unintended uses detrimental to the landmark sculpture.
- The third amendment presents two additional measures to support positive viewing and activity around Miffy.
 - GDMPAF proposes to install a sign calling attention to the use of video cameras that are recording in the area and the open hours of Western Gateway Park. The sign has been reviewed and is supported by various City departments and is the same design that

will be utilized throughout the Pappajohn Sculpture Park by the Art Center, thus providing a cohesive approach to these additions at both sites.

- Secondly, the amendment supports GDMPAF in obtaining a copy of recordings captured on camera(s) in use by the Library. Any request would be made by GDMPAF via Open Records Act process and would not obligate the Library or City to pursue or assist the Foundation in pursuing legal action.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 19, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1159](#)

Action: [Receive](#) and file communication and approve second amendment to the agreement with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation for the installation and maintenance of the Miffy Fountain Sculpture in Western Gateway Park. ([Council Communication No. 24-348](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Coleman. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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