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WHEREAS, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department manages and operates the James W. Cownie Soccer Park (the "Soccer Park"); and

WHEREASE, sufficient public funds are not currently available to complete all desired improvements to the Soccer Park; and

WHEREAS, the Patty and Jim Cownie Charitable Fund have offered to contribute \$750,000 over three years beginning June 15, 2006, and MidAmerican Energy has contributed \$300,000 toward providing field lighting for fields number 7 and 8, stadium seating on fields number 6, 8 and 9, scoreboards on fields number 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, asphalt stamped plaza in front of the concession stand, a tournament schedule and results video display monitor, sidewalk access on fields number 6,8 and 9, and new signage for the Soccer Park and James W. Cownie Baseball Park, such funds to be contributed directly to the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation ("GDMCF") with the GDMCF to provide for the construction and funding of the lighting and scoreboards improvements and to distribute funds to the City for the construction of the bleacher seating, paved plaza, video display system, sidewalks and signage system; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 28E of the Iowa Code (2005) allows any public agency in Iowa, including municipalities, to enter in agreements with public or private entities for joint or cooperative action with respect to any power, privilege or authority exercised or capable of being exercised by the public agency; and

WHEREAS, a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the GDMCF will allow the GDMCF to receive the donations of MidAmerican Energy and the Patty and Jim Cownie Charitable Fund and others for the above described improvements to the Soccer Park and which will allow for the GDMCF to hire a contractor and provide payment for the construction of the above described field lighting and scoreboards; and

WHEREAS, a 28E Agreement has been negotiated, which is on file with the City Clerk's Office, which provides that the GDMCF shall collect donations and pay for and construct field lighting

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for two fields and scoreboards for four fields and provide such donated funds to the City for the cost of the other improvements described above; and

WHEREAS, the GDMCF agrees to require that its contractor construct the lighting improvements according to the plans and specifications as approved by the City under the supervision of the City's Permit and Development Division and the Park and Recreation Director; and

WHEREAS, the GDMCF agrees to donate the completed lighting and scoreboard improvements to the City upon the submission of compliance with the approved plans by a design professional.

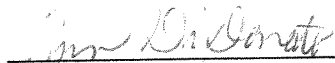
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

The 28E Agreement by and between the City of Des Moines and the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation for the James W. Cownie Soccer Park Improvements, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office and by this reference made a part hereof, be and is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to his signature.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to Adopt.

Council Communication No. 06-29/)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Ann DiDonato  
Assistant City Attorney

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

.....Mayor

..... City Clerk

April 21, 2006

The Honorable Mayor  
and  
Members of the City Council

**Re: Private Funding for the James W. Cownie Soccer Park**

Dear Council Members:

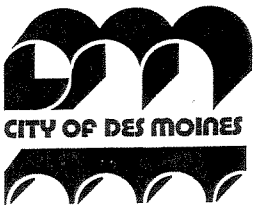
I am pleased to inform you of an additional financial commitment from the Patty and Jim Cownie Charitable Fund in the amount of \$505,000 for the James W. Cownie Soccer Park and the James W. Cownie Baseball Park. The Foundation's total contributions to the City have now grown to \$1.5 million. For your reference, a copy of Mr. Cownie's letter of commitment is attached.

Patty and Jim have requested that their commitment be used to leverage additional public and private funds to complete the following work elements:

1. Stadium expansion on "Coach" Cownie Stadium.
2. Video tournament display for scheduling and results.
3. Lighting of fields number seven and eight.
4. Scoreboards for fields number four, five, seven and eight.
5. Two open air shelters.
6. One playground system.
7. On-site signage for both the soccer park and baseball park.
8. Entry feature sign for both sports parks along Hartford Avenue.

Mr. Cownie previously announced a \$300,000 commitment by MidAmerican Energy and a Cownie Charitable Fund commitment of \$245,000. These monies are being partially used to fund items number 1 and 2, which are currently under construction. This money has also made possible the 750-seat MidAmerican Energy Stadium with scoreboard on field number six and a new plaza area around the concession facility.

The additional items listed above are estimated to cost a total of \$885,000. In addition to the \$505,000 commitment from the Cownie Charitable Trust, MUSCO Sports Lighting, which installed the original field lights, is reducing their costs for the installation of the lights and scoreboards (items 3 and 4) by



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\$50,000. Kim Walker, Local Organizing Committee Chairperson for the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships, has also agreed to leverage the Cownie's commitment by raising an additional \$80,000.

In response to these generous gifts and to complete the projects outlined above, I recommend that the City provide the remaining \$250,000 to construct the two open air shelters and playground system (items 5 and 6). The goal would be to have construction completed by the time of the 2007 US Youth Soccer Region II Championships. Though funding is not currently budgeted in the FY07 CIP for this purpose, I have asked the Park and Recreation Department to reevaluate other Parks projects scheduled for next year to re-allocate funding for this important effort. The determined funding source(s) will be outlined in future Council Communications regarding action to approve construction of these items.

I intend to prepare a written response to Mr. Cownie on behalf of the City thanking him for his ongoing support of the soccer and baseball parks. I will also inform him of my recommendation to you for the construction of the shelters and playground.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Yours truly,



Richard A. Clark  
City Manager

RAC/lep

Attachment

cc: Park & Recreation Director ✓

**JAMES S. COWNIE  
141 – 37<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
DES MOINES IA 50312**

April 18, 2006

The Honorable Mayor  
And  
Members of the City Council

Re: Private Funding Support for the James W. Cownie Soccer Park

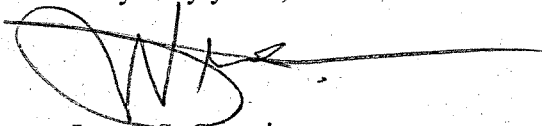
I am pleased to inform you that the Patty and Jim Cownie Charitable Fund has agreed to commit an additional \$505,000 towards the James W. Cownie Soccer Park. This brings our total contribution to the Soccer Park and new James W. Cownie Baseball Park to \$1.5 million.

The gift from our Charitable Fund, which will be deposited with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation over the next three years, shall be used to secure additional public and private funds, as needed, to complete the following work elements:

- Stadium expansion on "Coach" Cownie Stadium
- Lighting of fields number seven and eight
- Scoreboards for fields number four, five, seven and eight
- Two open air shelters
- One playground system
- Video tournament display for scheduling and results
- On-site signage for both the soccer park and baseball park
- Entry feature sign for both sports parks along Hartford Avenue

With the upcoming U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships this summer and the U.S. Youth Soccer Region II Championships returning in 2007, I am confident in the City's ability to leverage our commitment to secure the needed funds to make both of these youth sports facilities world class. Patty and I are pleased to be associated with such fine facilities and appreciate the support provided by the City of Des Moines.

Very truly yours,



James S. Cownie