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Date September 25, 2006

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO FUND EVELYN K. DAVIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is charged with providing clean, safe, and beautiful parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department desires to make substantial improvements to the Evelyn K. Davis Park, such as additional landscaping, elimination of some and addition of other athletic facilities, and additional community and family event space and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department desires to expand programs and operations at the Evelyn K. Davis Park, including an increased police presence; and

WHEREAS, sufficient City funds are not currently available to provide such improvements and expanded programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, pledge letters for donations to fund the \$425,000.000 cost of providing expanded programming and operations at the Park for three years have been received from the following donors:

- \$100,000.00 William C. Knapp
- \$100,000.00 James C. Cownie
- \$100,000.00 Duane McAninch
- \$100,000.00 Greg Abel
- \$25,000.00 John W. Grubb

; and

WHEREAS, the following public and private entities have agreed to make the following donations to assist in funding the \$450,000.00 cost of capital improvements at the Park:

- \$100,000.00 Community Development Grant from Polk County
- \$100,000.00 Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino
- \$50,000.00 United Way of Central Iowa.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City does hereby express its appreciation and the community's gratitude for the above described donations and hereby accepts them to be used for expanded programs, operations and improvements at the Evelyn K. Davis Park.

(Council Communication Number 06- **623**)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato
Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BROOKS				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
OVERMAN				
VLASSIS				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

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.

City Clerk

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United Way
of Central Iowa

September 20, 2006

Mr. Bill McCarthy
Chief of Police
City of Des Moines
c/o Mr. William C. Knapp
Knapp Properties
4949 Westown Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50266

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Dear Chief McCarthy and Mr. Knapp:

United Way of Central Iowa's mission is to improve lives by uniting the caring power of our community. The public/private community initiative to reduce the rising juvenile and young adult crime in and around Evelyn K. Davis Park clearly supports our mission.

One of United Way of Central Iowa's community priorities is to help youth to stay in school and graduate. The programmatic aspect of returning the park to the community, such as organizing youth sports and coordinating programs, builds upon established partnerships United Way currently has with the Grubb YMCA, as well as the Des Moines Public School and Library. United Way of Central Iowa is pleased to provide a commitment of \$50,000 to this important project.

The grant application indicates that "the United Way grant is critical to the success of this project, and without it, its completion will be in doubt." Given that the United Way commitment accounts for less than 7% of the total project budget, we recognize that some risk exists with respect to obtaining all necessary financial commitments. We would expect that the project will only go forward once all necessary commitments are secured, and that funding of the commitments would occur at that point in time.

Thank you for doing such important work. We look forward to partnering with those involved to restore the Evelyn K. Davis Park, and create alternatives for a generation of at-risk youth in Des Moines.

Sincerely,

Shannon Cofield
President

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PLEDGE AGREEMENT

**RE: Improvements to Evelyn Davis Park
Des Moines, Iowa**

The undersigned, William C. Knapp, hereby pledges to contribute \$100,000 to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of improvement and security at the Evelyn Davis Park in Des Moines, Iowa. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the above-described funds will be specifically designated by the City of Des Moines for the Evelyn Davis Park improvement and security project as generally outlined in the attached letter dated August 23, 2006 from Chief of Police Bill McCarthy to William C. Knapp. The undersigned agrees that the pledge amount will be paid within 30 days of the receipt of a notice from the City of Des Moines that the project is fully funded.

Date: _____

9/8/06



William C. Knapp

PLEDGE AGREEMENT

**RE: Improvements to Evelyn Davis Park
Des Moines, Iowa**

The undersigned, Greg Abel, hereby pledges to contribute \$100,000 to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of improvement and security at the Evelyn Davis Park in Des Moines, Iowa. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the above-described funds will be specifically designated by the City of Des Moines for the Evelyn Davis Park improvement and security project as generally outlined in the attached letter dated August 23, 2006 from Chief of Police Bill McCarthy to William C. Knapp. The undersigned agrees that the pledge amount will be paid within 30 days of the receipt of a notice from the City of Des Moines that the project is fully funded.


Date: Sept 8/06
Greg Abel

PLEDGE AGREEMENT

RE: Improvements to Evelyn Davis Park
Des Moines, Iowa

The undersigned, John W. Grubb, hereby pledges to contribute \$25,000 to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of improvement and security at the Evelyn Davis Park in Des Moines, Iowa. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the above-described funds will be specifically designated by the City of Des Moines for the Evelyn Davis Park improvement and security project as generally outlined in the attached letter dated August 23, 2006 from Chief of Police Bill McCarthy to William C. Knapp. The undersigned agrees that the pledge amount will be paid within 30 days of the receipt of a notice from the City of Des Moines that the project is fully funded.

Date: 9-12-06

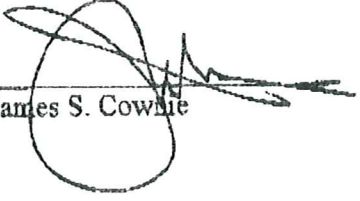

John W. Grubb

Donation Agreement

Re: Improvements to Evelyn Davis Park
Des Moines, Iowa

The undersigned, James S. Cownie, hereby agrees to advise the Patty & Jim Cownie Charitable Fund of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation to contribute \$100,000 to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of improvement and security at the Evelyn Davis Park in Des Moines, Iowa. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the above-described funds will be specifically designated by the City of Des Moines for the Evelyn Davis Park improvement and security project as generally outlined in the attached letter dated August 23, 2006 from Chief of Police Bill McCarthy to William C. Knapp. The undersigned agrees that the contribution will be paid within 30 days of receipt of a notice from the City of Des Moines that the project is fully funded.

Date: 9-18-06


James S. Cownie

PLEDGE AGREEMENT

**RE: Improvements to Evelyn Davis Park
Des Moines, Iowa**

The undersigned, Dwayne McAninch, hereby pledges to contribute \$100,000 to the City of Des Moines for the purpose of improvement and security at the Evelyn Davis Park in Des Moines, Iowa. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the above-described funds will be specifically designated by the City of Des Moines for the Evelyn Davis Park improvement and security project as generally outlined in the attached letter dated August 23, 2006 from Chief of Police Bill McCarthy to William C. Knapp. The undersigned agrees that the pledge amount will be paid within 30 days of the receipt of a notice from the City of Des Moines that the project is fully funded.

Date: 9-21-06


Dwayne McAninch

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RESOLUTION

MOVED by Mauro SECONDED by Brainell

that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, juvenile crime has progressively become younger and now stands, at last reporting, to be 14.6 years of age, and;

WHEREAS, of those juveniles delivered to Polk County's Juvenile Intake facility, 91% reside in Des Moines, and;

WHEREAS, the impact of rising juvenile and young adult crime in and near the Evelyn K. Davis Park has limited its use by families, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines Parks Department has requested assistance from Polk County for the redevelopment of the southern half of Evelyn K. Davis Park, and;

WHEREAS, the Parks Department desires to implement the following park improvements:

- Additional landscaping to include shade trees
- An additional open shelter house to accommodate 70 people
- Addition of a one-half basketball court
- Additional picnic tables and grills
- Elimination of the southwest ball diamond
- Creation of a Park Manager for three years
- Provide police security for three years

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to support of the City of Des Moines Parks Department with these improvements, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors hereby approves a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to the City of Des Moines to assist them with the improvements to Evelyn K. Davis Park, to be distributed upon completion of a grant agreement satisfactory to the County Administrator and County Attorney.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chair to sign an agreement between Polk County and the City of Des Moines satisfactory to the County Administrator and County Attorney.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Angela Connolly
Chairperson

SUBMITTED BY:

Michael J. Freilinger
Michael J. Freilinger, MBA
County Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Candy Morgan
Candy Morgan
Assistant Polk County Attorney

Fiscal Impact: Expenditure of \$100,000.

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ROLL CALL FOR ALLOWANCE		
SEP 12 '06		
E.J. Giovannelli	Yes	Nay
Robert Brownell	Yes	Nay
John F. Mauro	Yes	Nay
Tom Hookersmith	Yes	Nay
Angela Connolly	Yes	Nay
Yes	5	Nay 0
Above tabulation made by <u>Angela Connolly</u>		
ALLOWED BY ABOVE VOTE OF BOARD		
<u>Angela Connolly</u> CHAIRPERSON		