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Date.....September 9, 2013.

APPROVAL OF DONATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VARIETY – THE
CHILDREN’S CHARITY OF IOWA AND CITY OF DES MOINES REGARDING
PLAYGROUND AT EWING PARK AND NAMING PLAYGROUND ASHLEY OKLAND
STAR PLAYGROUND

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, acting through the Park and Recreation Department, operates Ewing Park; and

WHEREAS, Variety – The Children’s Charity of Iowa (Variety) has proposed donating to the City certain playground equipment, sports surface, seating, signage, and ADA accessible walkway and paying for and contracting for the installation of such improvements in Ewing Park on mutually agreed upon dates, expected to be in 2014, following a fund raising campaign by Variety; and

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Department has approved such playground equipment and has agreed that the City shall provide a survey, site plan, removal of the current playground, and staff to assist with playground equipment and site furniture installation on the date of installation; and

WHEREAS, Variety has requested that the playground be named the “Ashley Okland Star Playground” for a period of 20 years; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2013, by Roll Call Number 13-1354, the Des Moines City Council referred to the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Department to start the naming process of the proposed new playground to the “Ashley Okland Star Playground” based on a letter received from Variety; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Policy for the Naming of Streets, Facilities and Parkland in the City of Des Moines, the Park and Recreation Board held a public hearing at its meeting on August 27, 2013, and unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of naming the playground as the “Ashley Okland Star Playground”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this naming proposal meets the requirements of the Policy for the Naming of Streets, Facilities and Parkland in the City of Des Moines and that it is in the best interests of the City to approve this Donation Agreement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the agreement with Variety – The Children’s Charity of Iowa Regarding Ashley Okland Star Playground, a copy of which is available in the City Clerk’s Office, in which the playground equipment and playground surface in Ewing Park will be paid for and the installation contracted by Variety – The Children’s Charity of Iowa, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to his signature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the playground donated by Variety – The Children’s Charity of Iowa at Ewing Park, 5300 Indianola Avenue, shall be and is hereby named and to be known as the “Ashley Okland Star Playground” upon acceptance by the City Council of such playground improvements.

(Council Communication No. 13-460)

MOVED BY Meyer to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato

Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin 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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk