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JOHN DARGLE, JR., DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Date: July 2, 2015
To: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors
From: John Dargle, Jr., Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture
Subject: **Development Agreement with The UWM Real Estate Foundation, Inc. for improvements to Henry Aaron Field in Lincoln Park – PASSIVE REVIEW**

POLICY

It is requested that this development agreement be referred to the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit. Pursuant to §59.52(31)(b)(1), Stats., the County Executive has signed the agreement on July 2, 2015 authorizing the UWM Real Estate Foundation, Inc. (“UWM Foundation”) to expend a sum of approximately \$209,450 on an improvement project on Lincoln Park’s Henry Aaron Field (“Aaron Field”). The agreement will take effect unless the Committee takes action to reject or affirm the contract within 14 days of this memo.

BACKGROUND

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) has utilized Aaron Field in Lincoln Park for baseball games and practices for many years. UWM has invested in the care and maintenance of the field including installation of a new scoreboard in 2007. The University of Wisconsin Real Estate Foundation, Inc., on behalf of UWM athletics, has proposed further improvements to the field to include the installation of synthetic turf in the infield and bullpen areas. This improvement will allow for faster recovery after rain events, will conserve water, and reduces pesticide and fertilizer use.

The UWM Foundation has raised the total cost of the improvements, approximately \$209,450. The proposed development agreement has a 1-year term. The DPRC retains the right for review and approval of the final construction plan and budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks Director recommends this development agreement be referred to the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit. Pursuant to §59.52(31)(b)(1), Stats., the County Executive has approved this agreement for approximately \$209,450 in improvements in Lincoln Park’s Aaron Field and the agreement will take effect unless the Committee takes action to reject or affirm the contract within 14 days of this memo.



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