



Resolution 2023-116

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$74,100.63 FROM THE MINNESOTA TWINS COMMUNITY FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS RBI PROGRAM

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is committed to providing safe equipment and team uniforms for its youth sports programs;

Whereas, The MPRB operates the Reviving Baseball in the Inner City (RBI) Baseball and Softball leagues with 2400 participants;

Whereas, The Minnesota Twins Community Fund is a non-profit organization founded following the 1991 World Series to lead the ballclubs charitable efforts;

Whereas, The mission of the Minnesota Twins Community Fund is to enrich local and regional communities by providing resources for the healthy development of children and families through an association with baseball, softball and the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas, The Minnesota Twins Community Fund made a \$74,100.63 donation that ensures the youth participating in the MPRB RBI program will have access to new equipment and uniforms;

Whereas, The Minnesota Twins Community Fund conducts baseball and softball clinics and provides free tickets for RBI participants; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB Parks for All Comprehensive plan 2021-2036, Goal 1: "Foster belonging and equity;"

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners accepts a donation of \$74,100.63 from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund for the RBI Baseball and Softball Program; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Mimi Kalb, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Recreation

DATE: 6/7/2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$74,100.63 FROM THE MINNESOTA TWINS COMMUNITY FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNEAPOLIS RBI PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

This action considers accepting a \$74,100.63 donation from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund. The Minnesota Twins Community Fund and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) have worked together for more than 27 years to provide a positive experience for youth baseball and softball participants. The MPRB Youth Baseball and Softball program operates under the umbrella of the Major League Baseball Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities (RBI) program. Participating in RBI increases marketing of the MPRB youth baseball and softball programs and benefits the MPRB through several initiatives of the RBI program:

- Free coach and player clinics conducted by Minnesota Twins RBI clinicians.
- Free tickets to Twins games; all baseball and softball teams are invited to RBI Night at Target Field; players participate in a pre-game parade on Target Field and are invited to stay for a Twins game;
- Opportunities for youth to try out for RBI All-Star teams that compete in regional tournaments and the RBI World Series;
- Provision of uniforms, gloves, and protective equipment to all MPRB baseball and softball teams.

In 2022 almost 2,400 Minneapolis youth ages 5-18 played baseball and softball through the MPRB RBI program.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS

May 18, 2022 Resolution 2022-197: Resolution accepting a donation of \$100,000 from the Minnesota Twins community fund for the RBI baseball and softball season.



RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners accepts a donation of \$74,100.63 from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund for the RBI Baseball and Softball Program.

This action is supported by the following goals and strategies in Parks for All, the MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036.

Goal:

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Strategy:

07. Design, evolve, and maintain high quality athletic facilities including fields, diamonds, skateparks, ice rinks, courts, and tracks to support a range of multigenerational sports balancing tradition and emerging trends.

15. Ensure that athletics are supported equitably throughout the system through a combination of partnerships, traveling sport leagues, activity councils, and MPRB-led programs.

Attachments:

1. 2023 Twins Letter and Check

Jbr 6.7.2023.