Resolution 2013-247

Resolution to Accept RBI Baseball Grant Award from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund in the Amount of $75,000 for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Youth Baseball and Softball 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 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) operates the RBI Baseball and Softball leagues with 1500 participants; and

Whereas, The Minnesota Twins Community Fund made a sizeable donation that ensures the youth participating in the RBI program would have access to new equipment and uniforms; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of $75,000 from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund; 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: Nicholas Williams,

DATE: July 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution to Accept RBI Baseball Grant Award from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund in the Amount of $75,000 for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Youth Baseball and Softball Program

BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Twins Community Fund and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) have worked together for over 20 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 the RBI Program helps increase marketing of the MPRB youth baseball and softball programs. MPRB also receives the following initiatives through participating in 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 invited to stay a Twins game.
- Opportunities for youth to try out for RBI All-Star teams that compete in Regional Tournaments and the RBI World Series.
- In 2013, 1500 Minneapolis youth ages 8-18 played baseball and softball through the MPRB RBI program.
- Teams are provided with uniforms, gloves and protective equipment.

In 2012 more than 1500 youth participated ages 9 – 18 participated in the MPRB Baseball and Softball program.

FUNDING/COST SUMMARY

Sources: Minnesota Twins Community Fund	$75,000.00
Costs: Baseball/Softball uniforms and Equipment	$75,000.00

RECOMMENDATION

MPRB staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Superintendent to accept the donation of $75,000.00 from the Minnesota Twins Community Fund for uniforms, gloves and protective equipment for RBI participants

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Vision Theme 2:	Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community.
Goal:	People play, learn, and develop a greater capacity to enjoy life.
Goal:	Residents, visitors, and workers enjoy opportunities to improve health and fitness.
Goal:	People connect through parks and recreation.

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