

**REQUEST FOR ACTION  
RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Requesting Department: Board of Commissioners

B2017-404

Committee: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 10/10/2017

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**SUBJECT: Participation in Funding for Takraw Courts**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

1. Commit \$100,000 for construction of Takraw Courts at Marydale Park and Duluth and Case Recreation Center.
2. Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Saint Paul related to the participation by the County in the Takraw Court construction funding, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
3. Approve the use of \$100,000 from the Fund Balance of the Capital Projects Fund for the Takraw Courts Project.
4. Authorize the County Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, including increasing estimated revenues and appropriations.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The sport of Sepak Takraw (Kato) originated in Southeast Asia, and is a game generally played between two teams of three, on a badminton sized court, with a net about five feet above the ground. The Takraw ball, which is about the size of a grapefruit, is kept in play using kicking maneuvers.

Like Tuj Lub, Takraw is a culturally significant sport for many people of Southeast Asian heritage. This project is an opportunity to provide recreational facilities that are responsive to the community's requests and expressed interest in the sport, in partnership with the City of Saint Paul (City).

The estimated total project cost for the Takraw courts is \$449,360. Ramsey County and the City jointly received a \$75,000 grant from the 2017 Outdoor Heritage Legacy Fund to build two courts at Marydale Park and Duluth and Case Recreation Center. The City applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee in support of this project. The Saint Paul Parks Conservancy is contributing \$100,000, the City is contributing \$50,000, and \$24,360 will come from licensing fees. The remaining \$100,000 in project costs is requested from Ramsey County.

After completion, the Sepak Takraw (Kato) courts will accomplish the following:

- Develop, promote and educate the public about the sport of Sepak Takraw, supporting the County Board goal to "Cultivate economic prosperity and invest in neighborhoods with concentrated financial poverty"
- Organize league competition locally, nationally, and internationally, supporting the County Board goal to "Enhance access to opportunity and mobility for all residents and businesses"
- Promote healthy living and competitive play by providing alternative recreational activities for youth, supporting the County Board goal to "Strengthen individual, family and community health, safety and well-being".

The City anticipates beginning construction in October and completing construction in November, weather permitting.

## Participation in Funding for Takraw Courts

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for participation in the Takraw Court construction project is available in the Fund Balance of the Capital Projects Fund.

### **COUNTY MANAGER COMMENTS**

County Board approval is required for use of Capital Projects Fund Balance.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Resolution

Draft Resolution

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3 WHEREAS The City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is planning to construct,  
4 maintain, and operate Takraw courts in two locations of the City: Duluth & Case Recreation  
5 Center and Marydale Park; and  
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7 WHEREAS, Takraw is a game generally played between two teams of three, on a  
8 badminton sized court, with a net about five feet above the ground; the Takraw ball, which is  
9 about the size of a grapefruit, is kept in play using kicking maneuvers; and  
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11 WHEREAS, The estimated total project cost for the Takraw courts is \$449,360; and  
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13 WHEREAS, Funding for the project has already been committed from several sources  
14 including: a grant from the 2017 Outdoor Heritage Legacy Fund, a grant from the NFL Super  
15 Bowl Fund, the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, the City of Saint Paul, and licensing fees; and  
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17 WHEREAS, This project provides an opportunity to partner with the City of Saint Paul on  
18 a project that provides recreational facilities for a community that has expressed interest in the  
19 sport; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Like Tuj Lub, Takraw is a culturally significant sport for many people of  
22 Southeast Asian heritage; and  
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24 WHEREAS, The project helps address two Ramsey County goals by investing in  
25 neighborhoods with concentrated financial poverty and by strengthening individual, family and  
26 community health through innovative programming; Now, Therefore, Be It  
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28 RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners commits \$100,000 from  
29 Ramsey County toward the funding for construction by the City of Saint Paul of Takraw Courts  
30 in two designated locations; and Be It Further  
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32 RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County  
33 Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Saint Paul related to the  
34 participation by the County in the Takraw Court construction funding, in a form subject to  
35 approval by the County Attorney; and Be It Further  
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37 RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approves the use of  
38 \$100,000 from the Fund Balance of the Capital Projects Fund for participation with the City of  
39 Saint Paul for the Takraw Courts Project; and Be It Further  
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41 RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County  
42 Manager to make all necessary budget adjustments, including increasing estimated revenues  
43 and appropriations.