# Exhibit 1

# USE AGREEMENT WITH DULUTH GIRLS FASTPITCH LEAGUE FOR HELMER CARLSON (BASSWOOD) FIELDS AND PIEDMONT FIELD

THIS USE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is by and between the City of Duluth, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota (the "City") and Duluth Girls Fastpitch League, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation ("User Group").

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of baseball/softball fields located in the City at the following locations: (a) 33 West Mulberry Street, which are depicted on the attached Exhibit A-1 (the "Helmer Carlson Fields"), and (b) 2302 West 23rd Street, which is depicted on the attached Exhibit A-2 (the "Piedmont Field").

WHEREAS, User Group desires to use the Helmer Carlson Fields and the Piedmont Field for its youth softball program and associated program activities (the "Softball Program").

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City to coordinate and allow the cooperative use of the Fields (defined below) by as many groups as possible.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, the City and User Group agree as follows:

### 1. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>.

For purposes of administering this Agreement, the City shall act through its Manager of Parks and Recreation, or their designee (the "Manager") and User Group shall act through its President, or their designee.

### 2. <u>GRANT OF RIGHTS</u>.

a. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City grants to User Group: (i) the non-exclusive right to use the Helmer Carlson Fields, as outlined in red on Exhibit A-1, together with dugouts and bleachers/stands; and (ii) the exclusive right to use the green storage shed at the Helmer Carlson Fields. The remaining references in this Agreement to the "Helmer Carlson Fields" shall include the dugouts, bleachers/stands, and the green storage shed.

b. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the City grants to User Group (i) the non-exclusive right to use the Piedmont Field, as outlined in red on Exhibit A-2, together with the dugouts and bleachers/stands; and (ii) the exclusive right to use the white storage shed at the Piedmont Field. The remaining references in this Agreement to the "Piedmont Field" shall include the dugouts and the white storage shed. The Helmer Carlson Fields and the Piedmont Field are referred to collectively in this Agreement as the "Fields."

c. The City makes no representations or warranties, either express or implied, that the Fields are suitable for any specific uses. User Group accepts the Fields in "as is" condition

without representations or warranties of any kind. The City is not obligated to make any alterations or improvements on or to the Fields.

d. User Group acknowledges and understands that the Fields lie within public property, and the cooperation of all users and coordination of activities is required. This cooperation includes ingress and egress and use of amenities and related improvements. The Manager shall ultimately determine the appropriate use of the Fields and shall decide any disputes between User Group and any other users of the Fields.

# 3. <u>USE AND MAINTENANCE OF FIELDS</u>.

a. User Group may only use the Fields for the Softball Program. User Group's right to use and occupy the Fields is specifically conditioned upon User Group's continuation of the Softball Program throughout the Term (defined below). Use of the Fields for any other activities without the prior written approval of the Manager shall be grounds for immediate termination of this Agreement.

b. User Group shall work with other user groups to ensure optimum use of the Fields. The City shall have ultimate control of the scheduling of various users of the Fields. User Group will use the Fields only in conformance with the schedule contained in Section 5 of this Agreement. The Fields shall be open and available for use by the general public when not in use by User Group or other scheduled user groups. User Group acknowledges and understands that at any time that it is not actually occupying the Fields for the Softball Program, the Fields may be used by the public or by other user groups.

c. User Group shall provide adequate supervision of the Softball Program, program participants and spectators by a competent, trained and qualified adult representative of User Group.

d. User Group shall perform general ball field and lawn care maintenance duties of the Fields, including but not limited to raking, mowing, trimming, fertilizing, weed removal and watering during the period of May 1 to July 31 of each year of the Term (the "Playing Season"). If the City provides User Group with black dirt (which the City may do from time to time in its sole discretion) during the Playing Season, User Group shall use the black dirt to fill depressions and level out the outfields of the Fields. In the event the City does not provide the User Group with black dirt, the User Group may, at its own cost and discretion, obtain black dirt to fill depressions and level out the outfields of the Fields only after obtain written approval from the City as to: (1) the quality of the black dirt; and (2) the process for application of the black dirt. User Group shall not use any chemicals on the Fields, except chemicals approved in advance by the City's Property and Facilities Manager or their designee. If User Group is approved by the City to use herbicide on the Fields, the herbicide must be applied by a Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture licensed pesticide applicator.

e. User Group shall prepare the baseball/softball fields at the Fields for practice and games, including infield dragging, outfield edging, chalking, and ag-lime application. If needed, User Group may add material to the base of the backstops (area behind home plate).

f. User Group shall maintain all of its equipment in a safe and lawful manner at User Group's sole expense. User Group shall prohibit the use of any unsafe, illegal, or otherwise deficient equipment on the Fields during its use of the Fields.

g. User Group is solely responsible for storage of all of its personal property and shall bear the risk of loss due to theft, vandalism or other damage to its personal property or the Fields.

h. User Group shall follow best practices to appropriately utilize the Fields and, in particular, will use its best efforts to minimize or eliminate to the extent practical any damage to the Fields. User Group shall be responsible for any damage caused by or resulting from use of the Fields by User Group or by visiting teams not a part of User Group during User Group's use of the Fields.

i. User Group shall ensure that the Fields are kept clean and in an orderly condition and shall pick up all paper, garbage, and other debris generated from the Softball Program. User Group shall be responsible to provide appropriate receptacles for the Softball Program and arrange for proper disposal of garbage and other debris generated by the Softball Program.

j. User Group shall provide, at User Group's sole expense, a sufficient number of portable toilets at the Fields for User Group's Softball Program during the Playing Season.

k. User Group shall promptly notify the City in writing of any incident of injury or loss or damage to the Fields or to any User Group participants or invitees occurring within the Fields during User Group's use of the Fields. Such written report shall be in a form acceptable to the City's Claims Investigator and Adjuster, using the City's form of Incident Report, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B.

1. User Group shall prohibit the use of alcohol, controlled substances and tobacco products at the Fields during its use of the Fields.

m. User Group shall make the Softball Program available to all users and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, sex, religion, or status with regard to public assistance, and shall not violate any federal, state or local civil rights law, rule or regulation in User Group's use of the Fields.

n. User Group's maintenance of the Fields shall occur between April 1 and August 15 of each year of the Term. Maintenance may occur outside of the days and times listed in Section 5(c) below, however, the performance of maintenance by User Group shall not unreasonably interfere with the use of the Fields by the public or other user groups.

o. No later than January 15 of each year of the Term, User Group shall provide City with a written list of materials, supplies and maintenance requests as to that year of the Term (the "Annual Request").

### 4. <u>CITY RESPONSIBILITIES</u>.

The City shall review the Annual Request each year, and provide User Group with a written response by March 31 each year as to which, if any, requests will be fulfilled by City. Failure to respond to the Annual Request will not obligate City to fulfill any portion of the Annual Request.

### USAGE FEE AND USE LIMITS.

a. The City shall not charge User Group a usage fee in relation to this Agreement. The consideration for this Agreement is the public benefit provided by User Group through the operation of the Softball Program, User Group's maintenance of the Fields and the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement.

b. In case of inclement weather, User Group may not use or occupy the Fields. The City shall have final authority to determine inclement weather requiring closure of the Fields.

c. Notwithstanding the Term, User Group's use of the Fields during each year of the Term shall be limited to the Playing Season, and shall be subject to the following further restrictions:

i. Helmer Carlson Fields: with advanced reservations confirmed with the City's Recreation Specialist (the "Recreation Specialist"), User Group may use the Helmer Carlson Fields Monday through Friday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and Sundays between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

ii. Piedmont Field: with advanced reservations confirmed with the Recreation Specialist, User Group may use the Piedmont Field Sunday through Friday between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

iii. All use of the Fields by User Group must be confirmed with a reservation approved by the Recreation Specialist. Prior to the beginning of the Playing Season of any year of the Term, the City may modify the schedule set forth above as it deems appropriate or necessary, including reducing or increasing the times or dates when User Group will be entitled to use the Fields during that year of the Term. However, once the Playing Season begins during each year of the Term, the schedule for the Playing Season during that year of the Term shall not be reduced.

### 5. <u>TERM</u>.

Notwithstanding the date of execution of this Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed to commence on March 1, 2021 and expire on October 31, 2023, unless sooner terminated as provided for herein (the "Term").

### 6. <u>TERMINATION</u>.

a. WITHOUT CAUSE. The City may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing at least thirty (30) calendar days' written notice to User Group.

b. FOR CAUSE. The City may terminate this Agreement for the material breach by User Group of any provision of this Agreement if such breach is not cured to the satisfaction of the City within seven days of delivery of a written notice by the City (or such longer time as specified in the notice). The notice shall identify the breach and the actions necessary to remedy the breach. If User Group fails to cure the breach as required by the notice prior to the expiration of the time period set forth in the notice, this Agreement shall automatically terminate.

c. IMMEDIATELY BY CITY. The City may terminate this Agreement immediately on notice to User Group if the City believes in good faith that the health, welfare, or safety of the Fields, its occupants, or neighbors would be placed in immediate jeopardy by the continuation of the Softball Program.

d. SURRENDER POSSESSION. Upon termination of this Agreement, User Group shall surrender possession of the Fields to the City in as good condition and state of repair as the Fields were in at the time User Group took possession, normal wear and tear and damage from the elements excepted.

### 7. <u>INSURANCE</u>.

During the Term, User Group shall have such coverage as will protect User Group a. and the City against risk of loss or damage to the Fields and against claims that may arise or result from the maintenance and use of the Fields by User Group during the Term. User Group shall procure and maintain continuously in force Public Liability Insurance written on an "occurrence" basis under a Comprehensive General Liability Form in limits of not less than \$1,500,000 aggregate per occurrence for personal bodily injury and death and limits of \$1,500,000 for property damage liability. Insurance required in this Agreement shall be taken out and maintained in responsible insurance companies organized under the laws of the states of the United States and licensed to do business in the State of Minnesota. Insurance shall cover public liability including premises and operations coverage, independent contractors, protective contingent liability, personal injury, and contractual liability covering the indemnity obligations set forth herein. Each year of the Term (or more frequently as reasonably requested by the City), User Group shall provide the City with Certificates of Insurance evidencing the insurance required by this Agreement. The insurance policies shall be in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, shall name the City as an additional insured and shall provide for at least 30 days' written notice to the City prior to the cancellation of the policy. User Group shall provide certified copies of all insurance policies required by this Agreement within 10 days of the City's written request.

b. The City reserves the right to require User Group to increase the coverages set forth above and to provide evidence of such increased insurance to the extent that the liability limits as provided in Minn. Stat. § 466.04 are increased.

c. The City does not represent or guarantee that these types or limits of coverage are adequate to protect User Group's interests and liabilities.

d. The City shall not be liable to User Group for any injury or damage resulting from any defect in the construction or condition of the Fields, nor for any damage that may result from the negligence of any other person whatsoever.

# 8. <u>HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION.</u>

a. In the performance of its obligations under this Agreement or otherwise arising out of, related to or associated with the use and maintenance of the Fields by User Group, User Group agrees to indemnify, save harmless, and defend the City and its officers, agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, suits, loss, judgments, costs, damage, and expenses asserted by any person by reason of injury to or death of any and all persons, including employees or agents of the City or User Group and its invitees, and including any and all damages to property to whomsoever belonging, including property owned by, leased to, or in the care, custody, and control of User Group occurring in the performance of User Group's obligations under this Agreement or otherwise arising out of, related to or is associated with the use or maintenance of the Fields by User Group.

b. User Group will indemnify the City for any damage to any City property at the Fields caused by User Group, its agents, volunteers, employees, and invitees.

# 9. <u>INDEPENDENT RELATIONSHIP</u>.

a. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of copartners between the parties hereto or as constituting User Group as agents, representatives or employees of the City for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. The parties do not intend by this Agreement to create a joint venture or joint enterprise, and expressly waive any right to claim such status in any dispute arising out of this Agreement.

b. User Group's employees shall not be considered employees of the City, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota related to User Group's use of the Fields for its Softball Program, and any and all claims whatsoever arising out of employment or alleged employment, including without limitation, claims of discrimination against the City, or its officers, agents, contractors or employees related to User Group's use of the Fields for its Softball Program shall in no way be the responsibility of the City. User Group and its officers and employees shall not be entitled to any compensation or rights or benefits of any hospital care, sick leave and vacation pay, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, disability pay or severance pay from the City.

# 10. <u>RECORDS RETENTION.</u>

User Group acknowledges that, as provided in Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, Subd. 5, all User Group books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices related to User

Group's use and maintenance of the Fields are subject to examination by the City or the State Auditor for six (6) years from the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement. Upon twenty-four (24) hours advance written notice by the City, User Group shall provide all requested books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices related to User Group's use and maintenance of the Fields. User Group shall maintain all of its records relating to this Agreement and the Fields during the Term and for six (6) years after the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

### 11. <u>GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES</u>.

User Group shall comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by the City under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained or disseminated by User Group under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes Section 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by User Group. If User Group receives a request to release the data referred to in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, User Group must immediately notify the City and consult with the City as to how User Group should respond to the request. User Group agrees to hold the City, its officers, and employees harmless from any claims resulting from User Group's unlawful disclosure or use of data protected under state and federal laws.

### 12. <u>NOTICES</u>.

Unless otherwise provided herein, notice to the City or User Group shall be sufficient if sent by regular United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties at the addresses set forth below, or to such other respective persons or addresses as the parties may designate to each other in writing from time to time.

City of Duluth	Duluth Girls Fastpitch League
Attn: Parks and Recreation Manager	Attn: Gerry Sjerven
411 W. First Street, Ground Floor	4402 Otsego St.
Duluth, Minnesota 55802	Duluth, Minnesota 55804
(218) 730-4300	(218) 341-1880

### 13. <u>CITY ACCESS</u>.

a. User Group shall permit the City, and its designees, to access and inspect the Fields at any time. User Group shall not change any locks or otherwise prohibit or inhibit the City's access to any portion of the Fields.

b. The City shall be exclusively responsible for the design and designation of keying systems, lock changes, key fabrication and key distribution. User Group shall comply with the City's Key Control Policy, a copy of which shall be provided to User Group and is subject to unilateral change by the City during the Term.

c. User Group shall not make copies of any keys associated with the Fields. All keys shall be promptly returned to the City upon termination or expiration of this Agreement. If

any keys are not returned promptly, the City may rekey applicable locks and collect payment from User Group for the City's employee time and/or costs associated with rekeying.

# 14. <u>TAXES.</u>

User Group shall pay all licenses, fees, taxes, and assessments of any kind whatsoever that arise because of, out of, or in the course of User Group's use of the Fields, including real property and sales taxes, if applicable. It is further agreed that the City may pay the same on behalf of User Group and immediately collect the same from User Group, or reduce any amount owed User Group by the City pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement. User Group shall collect and/or pay any sales and use taxes that arise because of, or out of, User Group's use of the Fields that are imposed by any governmental entity entitled to impose such taxes on or before the date they are due and shall file all required reports and forms in proper form related thereto on or before their due date.

# 15. <u>ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS</u>

a. User Group may, at its sole cost and expense, make suitable improvements or alterations to the Fields only with the advance written approval of the Manager. All such improvements and alterations shall become the property of the City. Prior to commencing any improvements or alterations, User Group shall submit to the City a Project Proposal Request along with detailed plans, using the City's form of Project Proposal Request, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C. The Project Proposal Request shall be submitted to the City at least forty-five (45) days before the planned commencement of the work. No work may begin on any approved project until all necessary building permits are secured. All construction shall conform to all applicable regulations, codes and laws.

b. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to commencement of construction of an alteration or improvement on the Fields, User Group must provide the City with sufficient proof of required insurance, including worker's compensation, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

# 16. <u>GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS</u>.

a. User Group shall (i) obey all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to its use of or occupancy of the Fields, (ii) use its best efforts to ensure that its players, coaches, employees and invitees so conform to such laws, rules, and regulations, and (iii) procure at its expense all licenses and permits necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

b. This Agreement, together with all of its terms, covenants, and conditions is made in the State of Minnesota and is to be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

c. User Group shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement.

d. The waiver by the City or User Group of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of same or any other term, covenant, or condition herein contained.

e. If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid.

f. This Agreement is to be construed and understood solely as an agreement between the parties hereto and shall not be deemed to create any rights in any other person. No person shall have the right to make claim that they are a third party beneficiary of this Agreement or of any of the terms and conditions hereof, which, as between the parties hereto, may be waived at any time by mutual agreement between the parties.

g. This Agreement and its Exhibits are the final expression of the agreement of the parties and the complete and exclusive statement of the terms agreed upon. This Agreement shall supersede all prior written and oral negotiations, understandings or agreements.

h. There are no representations, warranties or stipulations, either oral or written, not herein contained.

i. No amendments to this Agreement shall be binding unless such amendment is in writing and executed with the same formality and approvals as this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both parties.

j. The parties represent to each other that the execution of this Agreement has been duly and fully authorized by their respective governing bodies or boards, that the officers of the parties who executed this Agreement on their behalf are fully authorized to do so, and that this Agreement when thus executed by the officers of the parties will constitute and be the binding obligation and agreement of the parties in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands the day and date first shown below.

CITY OF DULUTH	DULUTH GIRLS FASTPITCH LEAGUE
By: <u>Mayor</u>	By: Printed Name:
Attest:City Clerk	Its: Dated:
Date Attested: Countersigned:	
City Auditor	
Approved as to form:	
City Attorney	



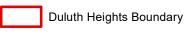
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# **Duluth Girl's Fast Pitch**



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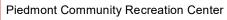
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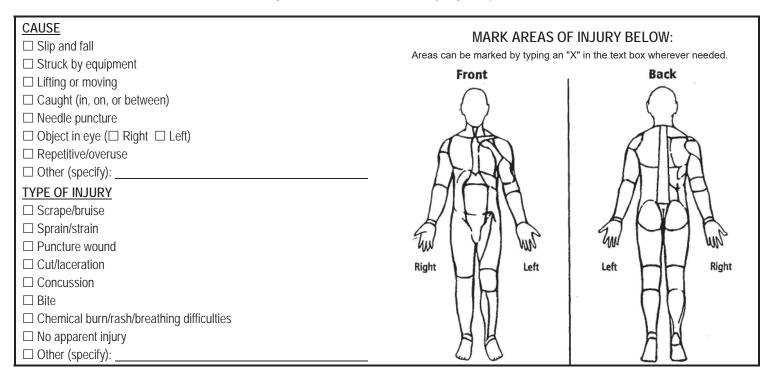
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### **EXHIBIT B** City of Duluth Incident/Injury Report

<u>Supervisor to complete within 24 hours of incident/injury.</u> If injury required treatment by a medical provider, attach medical documentation. Completed forms should be emailed to <u>accidentreporting@duluthmn.gov</u>.

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Supervisor comments:							
What actions have been taken to prevent	recurrence?						



COMPLETE FOR VEHICLE, EQUIPMENT, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE							
For vehicle accidents: Attach sketch and additional information of how vehicle accident occurred. Include street names, direction of travel, locations of vehicles, objects and traffic control devices (↑ North)							
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The Incident/Injury Form should be printed and signed by supervisor and employee. Completed forms can be scanned to <u>accidentreporting@duluthmn.gov</u>.

Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:



## **EXHIBIT C** Public Administration Department Parks and Recreation Division

City Hall - Ground Floor • 411 West First Street • Duluth, Minnesota • 55802 218-730-4300 • <u>www.duluthmn.gov/parks/index.cfm</u>



April 9, 2019

Dear Community Partner:

Thank you for your interest in proposing an improvement project for City property. We recognize that working closely with the community is an important way we can fulfill our responsibility to develop long-term strategies, plans and improvements that benefit the greatest number of constituents possible and effectively use limited resources.

Each year there are numerous requests for projects on City property. To better respond to the requests, the City has developed a system that will result in better communications, tracking and processing of project proposals. It establishes Parks and Recreation as the City entity that will: (1) accept and review all submitted parks related Project Proposal Forms; (2) conduct an internal review to determine compatibility with all parks planning documents, industry best practices, and standards set by the Division, (3) pending preliminary approval by parks review staff, forward to appropriate city staff in other divisions, (4) if approved, facilitate the process to project completion. Once your project proposal request is received, staff will initiate the review process, with the intent to provide a response within sixty (60) days.

The intent of this process is to expedite decision making, properly evaluate proposals against existing plans, standards, and uses; clarify the approval process, reduce confusion and miscommunication, and provide a central point of contact to respond to questions and concerns. At any point in the process, Parks and Recreation can be contacted to respond to questions or concerns.

In past years, this process has seen a number of projects completed for the betterment of our community, including installation of park benches, playfield renovations and community beautification projects. Proposals may be submitted by individuals and community organizations, as well as City staff.

Please note that acquiring funds for a project through CDBG, a DNR grant, fundraising, donations or other means does not guarantee project acceptability. Any project on City property must also receive recommendation and approval by the appropriate City officials. It is strongly recommended that City approval should occur in advance of, or at least concurrent with, pursuing funding.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Schoonover at (218) 730-4325.

Sincerely,

Jessica Peterson Parks and Recreation Manager City of Duluth 411 W First Street Duluth, MN 55802



Use this form to propose a City of Duluth improvement project on park property. This form is to be used by external community groups, organizations and individuals, as well as internally generated requests. You or your organization

**APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION** 

will receive a response to the project proposal request within sixty (60) days of submission. Please submit

City/State/Zip:

Secondary Phone:

E-mail:

completed form, along with attached map to: projectproposal@duluthmn.gov.

IS YOUR PROJECT RELATED TO PUBLIC -ARTS--MEMORIALS--MONUMENTS-IF SO, YOUR PROPOSAL WILL BE

IF SO, YOUR PROPOSAL WILL BE SHARED WITH THE DULUTH PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION FOR REVIEW.

#### **PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Use additional sheets if more space is needed.

### PROJECT LOCATION

Date of Application:

Name:

Address:

Organization:

Park Location:

Primary Phone:

Describe as best as possible the location of the proposed project. Give the park name, location within park, and GPS coordinates. If the project is City-wide, please state "City-wide."

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe the proposed project in as much detail as possible. Why is the project needed and necessary? What do you propose doing? Maps, sketches, diagrams, and/or schematic drawings are required so those reviewing the proposal have a better understanding of your project. These may include location, sizes, wording, colors, etc. Please attach any additional information about this project.

Attached Not Applicable

### **PROJECT JUSTIFICATION**

Describe the benefit of the proposed project. Is it a safety issue? Will it provide cost savings to the City? Is it a functional improvement? Does it provide aesthetic benefit to the park?



# PROJECT COST

Describe the approximate cost to complete the project. This can be a "guesstimate." This is only considered to be a rough guideline.

### POTENTIAL SOURCE OF FUNDING

Describe potential funding sources for the project.

#### **NEIGHBOR SUPPORT**

Does this project have the support of neighbors living nearby?

Yes No Uncertain Not Applicable

Comments:

#### ENERGY USE

Will this project change the use of any energy type listed below?

Yes No Uncertain Not Applicable

*If yes, check all energy types where use is expected to change.* 

ELECTRICITY (kWh) GAS (Therms) OIL (gallons) STEAM (Pounds) WATER and SEWER (CCF)

#### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The City of Duluth considers our long-term strategies, Master Plans, Accessibility Plan and Capital Improvement list, as well as legal requirements, in evaluating proposals. Please review the considerations below and add any comments you have.

**<u>CONSIDERATION (A)</u>**: Project is compatible with Park Master Plan, systems plans, Strategic Plans, etc. **COMMENT (A)**:

**<u>CONSIDERATION (B)</u>**: Project is compliant with ADA Accessibility Plans. **COMMENT (B)**:



**<u>CONSIDERATION (C)</u>**. Project is compatible with surrounding and adjoining uses. **COMMENT (C)**:

**<u>CONSIDERATION (D)</u>**: Project will meet standards for materials and construction practices. **COMMENT (D)**:

<u>CONSIDERATION (E):</u> Project complies with zoning code and land uses. COMMENT (E):

<u>CONSIDERATION (F):</u> Project does or does not require a permit. COMMENT (F):

<u>CONSIDERATION (G)</u>: Increases cost to maintain or operate. (Note: If this is the case, and the project is approved, it may need to be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan and be approved by City Council.) COMMENT (G):

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