# **POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** accept the donation of a scoreboard for Moller Park from Holland America Line.



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

#### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Eisenbeisz and Assembly Members

Thru: John Leach, Municipal Administrator

From: Connor Dunlap, Maintenance Superintendent

**Date:** April 7, 2025

Subject: Moller Scoreboard Donation

#### **Background**

Holland America Line has funded the purchase of a replacement scoreboard for Moller Park, coordinated through a local advisory board. The scoreboard matches the dimensions and general appearance of the existing board at 26'L x 6'-6"H x 10"D. The value of the scoreboard is approximately \$30,000, which categorizes it as a major asset requiring Assembly approval of the donation. The donors do not require any matching or other commitments from the City. It should also be noted that Kris Pearson of Marble Construction, Charlie Bacon of Sitka Electric, and Cory Baggen of Samson Tug and Barge have also donated their services to the project.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

The Grounds Maintenance division of the Public Works Department has been aware of the need for replacement of the Moller scoreboard for several years. Natural wear and tear, coupled with Sitka's corrosive environment, has resulted in frequent component failures. These failing components are generally obsolete and difficult or impossible to replace due to the age of the scoreboard (installed in 2011). This makes repairs both impractical and uneconomical. Unfortunately, due to the relatively low risk of failure, replacement does not rank highly for capital consideration.

This donation directly aligns with Goal 4 of the CBS strategic plan: "Plan and invest in sustainable infrastructure for future generations," specifically addressing objective 4.1, "Identifying revenue to address existing capital needs and deferred maintenance." By replacing the failing scoreboard, the City is actively investing in recreational activities. Replacement of this increasingly difficult-to-maintain piece of infrastructure ensures a more sustainable and dependable community resource.

An analysis of these factors makes the scoreboard a prime candidate for replacement by donation.

## Fiscal Note

This represents an asset donation in full. No matching funds are required for the CBS.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the CBS accept the proposed donation from Holland America Line of a replacement scoreboard at Moller Park. This donation strategically addresses a recognized infrastructure need, directly improving the functionality and user experience of Sitka's premier athletic field, while incurring no financial obligation for the City.

Encl: Moller Scoreboard Design



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