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MEMORANDUM

TO:	HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC:	JOSHUA M. TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM:	KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT:	AUTHORIZE MOVING BATTING CAGE AT MEMORIAL PARK BASEBALL STADIUM
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DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2024

At the October 8th, 2024 Park Board Meeting, the Park Board approved the following motion relating to moving a batting cage at Memorial Park Baseball Stadium to along the left field fence next to existing bullpen:

A motion was made by Dohm, seconded by Sticha to recommend approval to move the batting cage to the third base line near the bullpen. Motion carried (7-0).

City staff was recently approached by the New Prague Orioles to move a batting cage along the 1st base line side of Memorial Baseball Stadium over to an area next to the bullpen area along the 3rd base line (and old outdoor pool area – see the attached map). The reason for moving the batting cage from along the 1st base line is to move it out of that area to allow a possible second "Czech deck" seating area similar to what exists along the 3rd base line. There would be no cost to the City, but City staff would provide some labor towards the project. The new Czech Deck would also be at no cost to the City and would add additional seating that will be valuable not only during the hosting of the state tournament, but for all other games held there as well.

Recommendation

I recommend that the City Council authorize the Memorial Park Baseball Stadium Users Group to move the batting cage to the area along the third base line adjacent to the existing bullpen.

