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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-080
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SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
PACE AGREEMENT - LOGAN COMMUNITY CENTER	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

A room use agreement for the Porter Avenue Center for Education (PACE) at the Logan Community Center has been prepared.

FISCAL IMPACT —

This room use agreement will provide revenue of \$1364 in calendar year 1996. This is a prorated amount for use from March 1 to December 31, 1996. PACE will be occupying 330 sq. ft. at a rate of \$5.51 sq. ft. This rate is consistent with leases at other community centers.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the agreement.

BACKGROUND —

PACE, a program sponsored by the Des Moines Public Schools, received a Community Development Block Grant funding for a program called Neighborhood Operation Work-Study (NOW) in the Logan area.

The program provides job training, job placement, social skill development, problem solving skills for unemployed and underemployed, low-income, high-risk youths from the Logan and Southeast service areas. The primary focus of this grant is to target a minimum of 15 youth, securing subsequent job or internship positions for the youth at the end of the program.

Services will be provided directly to youth who live in these areas, and who may already utilize the community center for recreation. These youth are not served by conventional, (*at risk*) programs. This program currently has seven clients from the Logan area. Requirements to participate in the NOW program are residency in the Logan or Southeast target areas, and low income status. The success of PACE has been shown as PACE currently utilizes space at the Grubb YMCA. Providing the PACE program in local neighborhood eliminates transportation problems for those youth from the neighborhood who could greatly benefit this program.

On February 13, 1996, by Resolution 11668, the Park and Recreation Board recommended approval of the room use agreement. In addition, a neighborhood meeting was held on Tuesday, February 20 to hear comments on the PACE lease agreement. The Logan Citizens Services Task Force had previously endorsed the PACE program after several town meetings in the fall of 1995. At the public meeting, comments focused around the loss of the Learning Center operated by the Department of Housing Services. The general sentiment was that PACE should be allowed to begin their in-building activities as soon as possible. It was determined that PACE would utilize another, smaller room in the center, until such time as the Learning Center issues are resolved.