

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-377
SEPTEMBER 3, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
TREE CLIMBING WORKSHOP	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

To enter into a Facility Use Agreement which permits the Iowa Arborist Association (IAA) to offer a fee-based tree climbing workshop at Greenwood Park, and waive any fee to the City of Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City anticipates IAA will generate approximately \$1,800 in concession revenue, of which it will waive 12 percent (\$216).

The three City attendees received fee waivers (\$60 each), resulting in a total savings of \$180.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The IAA is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of tree stands in Iowa through educational projects. John Walkowiak of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division, approached the Park and Recreation Department early this year asking approval to offer such a session. It has been determined that the IAA should provide insurance to the City and a clear understanding of the terms of this agreement, hence the requested Council action.

The IAA will charge fees which range from \$60 to \$80 per attendee and expect approximately 30 students. It's expected that all proceeds will pay for costs associated with this session. Excess funds will be used for book purchases for forestry students in Iowa.

The benefits of the training are two-fold for the City. The City will not have to pay the \$60 fee for the three employees attending the training. This training should also assist other agencies and businesses in their own respective capabilities in the area of tree maintenance.