

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-393
SEPTEMBER 16, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
BOTANICAL CENTER—OPERATION OF GARDEN GATE CAFE AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONCESSION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The Facility Use Agreement between Des Moines Botanical Center, Inc. and the City under which the Botanical Center Board was given the authority to operate the Garden Gate Cafe lapsed in 1991. In the revised agreement, the Des Moines Botanical Center, Inc. is, in addition to the Garden Gate Cafe, given the responsibility of overseeing the alcoholic beverage concession at the Botanical Center.

FISCAL IMPACT —

This agreement requires the Botanical Center, Inc. to return 7.5 percent of all gross revenues to the City of Des Moines. This is estimated to provide approximately \$50,000 in net revenue to the City over five years. The Board also expects to net 7.5 percent, which the City will be using in their mission of supporting the Botanical Center.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

A Facility Use Agreement with Des Moines Botanical Center, Inc. was approved by General Resolution No. 88-3909 on August 22, 1988. It was inadvertently allowed to lapse in 1991. Under the terms of that agreement, the Des Moines Botanical Center, Inc. was given the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Garden Gate Cafe. The Garden Gate Cafe has continued to be operated under the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. Their management has received strong evaluations. In order to upgrade the level of service provided to groups renting the Botanical Center for private events, the Des Moines Botanical Center, Inc. has requested oversight of the alcohol beverage concession in order to enable *one-stop shopping*. This agreement was passed by the Park and Recreation Board (Resolution No. 11760) at their September 10, 1996, meeting.