

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-410
SEPTEMBER 23, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GIFT FROM CHAUTAUQUA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DON TRIPP PARK & RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

The Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association is requesting authorization from the City of Des Moines to construct a gazebo in a non-maintained area of Douglas Woods Park near the 1100 block of E. Chautauqua Parkway. The neighborhood association has secured financial assistance from Neighborhood Housing Services and from Americorp Program for this gift to the City of Des Moines. In order to fulfill the deadlines imposed by the funding programs, the gazebo must be constructed and completed by November 30, 1996.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association will fund all costs to purchase, install and maintain the flower garden gazebo project. The total value of the gift to the City of Des Moines is estimated at \$10,500. The Park and Recreation Department is responsible for site preparation which has been completed.

RECOMMENDATION —

Accept the flower garden gazebo gift from the Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association and allow construction to begin after the City of Des Moines has issued a building permit.

BACKGROUND —

Coordination of this project with the Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association began earlier this spring. For many years, this neighborhood association has developed and maintained flower gardens within the park with their own resources. The gazebo project, once completed, will provide a gathering place for neighborhood association meetings as well as an attractive amenity for all park users to enjoy. The Park and Recreation Department is confident the proposed gift will be a valuable asset to the park and to the community. Representatives from the Chautauqua Park Neighborhood Association will be present at the September 23, City Council meeting.