

City Council Communication 97-586

December 8, 1997 Agenda

Subject:

Park and Recreation Board

Advisory Committees

Submitted by:

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Synopsis —

Approval of Ordinance § 15-160.001 allowing the City Park and Recreation Board to create advisory committees which may include residents and non-residents of the City.

Fiscal Impact —

N/A

Recommendation —

Approve Ordinance § 15-160.001.

Background —

The Park and Recreation Board, at its October Board meeting, by Resolution No. 97-139, approved recommending an ordinance which would allow non-resident participation in committees which advise the Board on various park and recreation issues. The Board recommended adoption of Ordinance § 15-160.001.

The Park and Recreation Department and Park and Recreation Board commonly establish citizen based advisory committees to address and make recommendations on Park and Recreation Department facility designs and operations, including fees and charges. The existing ordinance allows only residents to serve on these committees, and is too restrictive based on the regional attendance Park and Recreation Department facilities generate.

Several department facilities serve the Greater Des Moines area, such as the Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines Botanical Center, Des Moines Public Golf Courses, and the Greater Des Moines Soccer and Softball Parks. The Park and Recreation Department believes certain advisory committees need non-resident participation. The views of these constituents will be a valuable asset to the City in determining the needs and desires of non-resident users participating in events and activities within the City limits of Des Moines.

The ordinance reads as follows:

15-160.001	CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF
COMMITTEES.

The city park and recreation board may create and appoint members to committees to perform certain duties and advise the board on various park and recreation issues. Members of such committees may include residents and non-residents of the City of Des Moines.