

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-040
FEBRUARY 9, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**RENEWAL OF 28E AGREEMENT WITH
DOWLING HIGH SCHOOL**

SUBMITTED BY:

**DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR**

SYNOPSIS –

Staff recommends that the Park and Recreation Department renew the 28E agreement with Dowling High School. This agreement allows Des Moines Park and Recreation the use of Dowling' s facilities to offer a Special Olympic Track and Field training program for individuals with a disability.

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

Staff recommends renewing the agreement.

BACKGROUND –

The Park and Recreation Department signed a hold harmless lease agreement with Dowling High School for the use of their facilities for Special Olympic Track and Field practices for the past several years. This will be the 11th year for this type of arrangement. The student body has volunteered their time as coaches since the inception of the agreement. Without the volunteer coaches supplied by Dowling High School, the Department would not be able to serve the 70+ athletes in the program. In the past, staff has tried to use other schools located within the City of Des Moines. Due to facility scheduling difficulties and the lack of student interest, staff has continued to work with Dowling High School.