

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

98-456

SYNOPSIS —

**AGENDA:
OCTOBER 5, 1998**

Approval of lease with Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa (BGCCI).

**SUBJECT:
LOGAN LEASE
AGREEMENT
WITH BOYS AND
GIRLS CLUB OF
CENTRAL IOWA**

FISCAL IMPACT -

One dollar per year.

**TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

**SUBMITTED BY:
DONALD TRIPP
PARKS AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR**

BACKGROUND -

The proposed Logan Community Center lease to the BGCCI is for provision of services. If approved, the process shall include the establishment of a steering committee to oversee the transition and operation of Logan Community Center. Representation on the steering committee is as follows:

- o Three persons designated by the City.
- o Three persons designated by BGCCI.
- o One person selected by mutual agreement between the BGCCI and the City.

The City shall continue all maintenance and utility costs, tenant contracts, and custodial services. The BGCCI shall manage all programs and services that have traditionally been considered BGCCI programs.

The negotiated lease agreement is being established as a testing period for the BGCCI, the City, and the citizens of Logan Community. If successful, a long-term lease agreement could be reached, saving the City approximately \$100,000 annually.

During this interim period of the lease, the BGCCI will also be maintaining their current facility at East 14th Street and Washington.

On January 13, 1998, the Park and Recreation Board received and filed a proposal from the BGCCI requesting to oversee the management and operations of the Logan Community Center as the future home of their organization. Staff reviewed the proposal and the first public meeting was scheduled on April 2, 1998.

All Logan Community Neighborhood Associations were invited to send one representative to receive initial feedback on the proposal and only representatives from the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Neighborhood Association attended. A second meeting was held at Logan Community Center with the MLK Neighborhood Association on April 21, 1998.

The joint presentation by the Park and Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club was well received. The neighbors in attendance were unsure of transferring the facility, but also are dissatisfied with the current level of service provided by the Park and Recreation Department. A focus committee of five members was appointed to assist with formulating a recommendation to proceed with a long-term lease agreement or a short-term management agreement. The group consensus was to negotiate a short-term lease agreement.

A final public meeting was held on Monday, September 21, 1998, at Logan Community Center. The MLK Neighborhood Association and Steering Committee recommended proceeding with the two-year lease agreement being presented this evening.