

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**99-198**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 3, 1999

Recommendation to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to analyze existing conditions, new design concepts and water features, and develop cost estimates for construction and operations for our wading pools citywide, based on current rules and regulations relating to water quality issues.

**SUBJECT:**

WADING POOL  
RENOVATION  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL (RFP)

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Approximately \$20,000 from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Wading and Swimming Pools.

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

The Park and Recreation Board, at their April 27, 1999 meeting, by Resolution No. 99-143, recommended issuing the Wading Pool RFP. The majority of the City's wading pools are over 25 years old and deteriorating. With changes in state regulations on pool renovations, water quality, and filtration, the Park and Recreation Department is recommending that an RFP be issued to hire a consultant to assist with the technological aspect of the study. This would include analyzing existing conditions, new design concepts and water features, and developing cost estimates for construction and operations for our wading pools citywide, based on current rules and regulations relating to water quality issues.

Park and Recreation Department staff will facilitate the

community-input process with assistance from a citizen advisory committee. The citizen advisory committee will be comprised of wading pool users who were solicited at various wading pool locations. This team will make recommendations to the Park and Recreation Board on future design, implementation schedule, and locations.

Park and Recreation Department staff believes that through this process multiple design concepts will be recommended. This may include retaining some of the drain and fill pools currently in existence, a zero depth concept, and an interactive system with no standing water. Staff also believes that the recommendations from the study will include the following options:

1. Reduce the number of wading pools to conform with the Park and Recreation Department budget.
2. Reduce other services within the Park and Recreation Department to manage the increased operating expenses incurred from the operation of all wading pools.
3. Appropriation of additional funds to cover increased expenses.