

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-429

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

Proposed Mutual Benefit Bailment Agreement with the American Republic Insurance Company to place giraffe sculptures on loan at the Blank Park Zoo.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

MUTUAL BENEFIT
BAILMENT
AGREEMENT WITH
THE AMERICAN
REPUBLIC
INSURANCE
COMPANY TO
LOAN GIRAFFE
SCULPTURES TO
BLANK PARK ZOO

The American Republic Insurance Company is providing the crane to load the statues onto a Park Department truck, which will deliver the statues. Other Park Department staff will assist Zoo staff to unload and place the giraffes at the Zoo. Materials to anchor the statues in place and for additional landscaping are estimated to cost less than \$500. Funds are available in Fiscal Year 2000 Capital Outlay Budget. American Republic Insurance Company will continue its current property insurance coverage for the objects, and the City will provide liability coverage under current practices (self-insurance).

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

American Republic Insurance Company needs to relocate the statues to another location to make room for additional art works they are acquiring for their plaza at 601 - 6th Avenue. They have offered to loan the statues to the Zoo for the purpose of public display. The agreement is for an initial five-year term, renewable annually thereafter.

There are three bronze giraffe statues-one large "adult" approximately 12 feet tall and two smaller "calves" about five feet tall. They will be grouped together near the pavilions

inside the Zoo.

These sculptures will support the theme of the zoological park and enhance its cultural and educational value to our citizens.

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