



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

99-531

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 6, 1999

To receive and file a letter from J.C. "Buzz" Brenton regarding the construction of a pavilion to house the Heritage Carousel and refer the request to the Park and Recreation Department to provide the City Council with a recommendation by January 3, 2000.

SUBJECT:

LETTER FROM J.C.
"BUZZ" BRENTON

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

\$140,000:
\$100,000 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Account #
603746
\$40,000 Rieger Estate Gift for Union Park

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND -

On March 23, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-883, the City entered into a Concession Agreement with the Des Moines Carousel Foundation to place and operate a carousel ride at Union Park.

The Heritage Carousel has had a significant positive impact with the 1999 season attendance reaching over 60,000 visitors. The Des Moines Carousel Foundation has expressed an interest in making Union Park the permanent home of the carousel.

Park and Recreation Department staff have met with representatives from the Des Moines Carousel Foundation and are interested in entering into a long-term (ten years) agreement with the Foundation to secure Union Park as the home of the Heritage Carousel.

It is our understanding that the Des Moines Carousel Foundation will fund the design cost and donate \$110,000 towards construction of a pavilion to house the carousel at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The Foundation is requesting the City contribute \$140,000 towards construction and draft a ten-year operation agreement.

The agreement would allow the Foundation to operate and maintain the carousel and the improvements for a period of ten years. At the end of the agreement term, the City would own the pavilion and all associated improvements.