



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-009

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 3, 2000

To receive and file the letter from the Saint Paul Foundation for use of the Rieger estate gift towards construction of the Union Park Carousel Pavilion.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

UNION PARK
CAROUSEL
PAVILION

\$250,000
· \$110,000 Des Moines Carousel Foundation donation
· \$100,000 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) #603746
"Neighborhood Park Improvements"
· \$40,000 Rieger Estate gift

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Park and Recreation Department staff has been working with J.C. Brenton, Des Moines Carousel Foundation Chairperson, to agree to a shared cost of constructing a pavilion to permanently house the Heritage Carousel. On Monday, December 6, 1999, the City received a letter from Mr. Brenton outlining the Des Moines Carousel Foundations request.

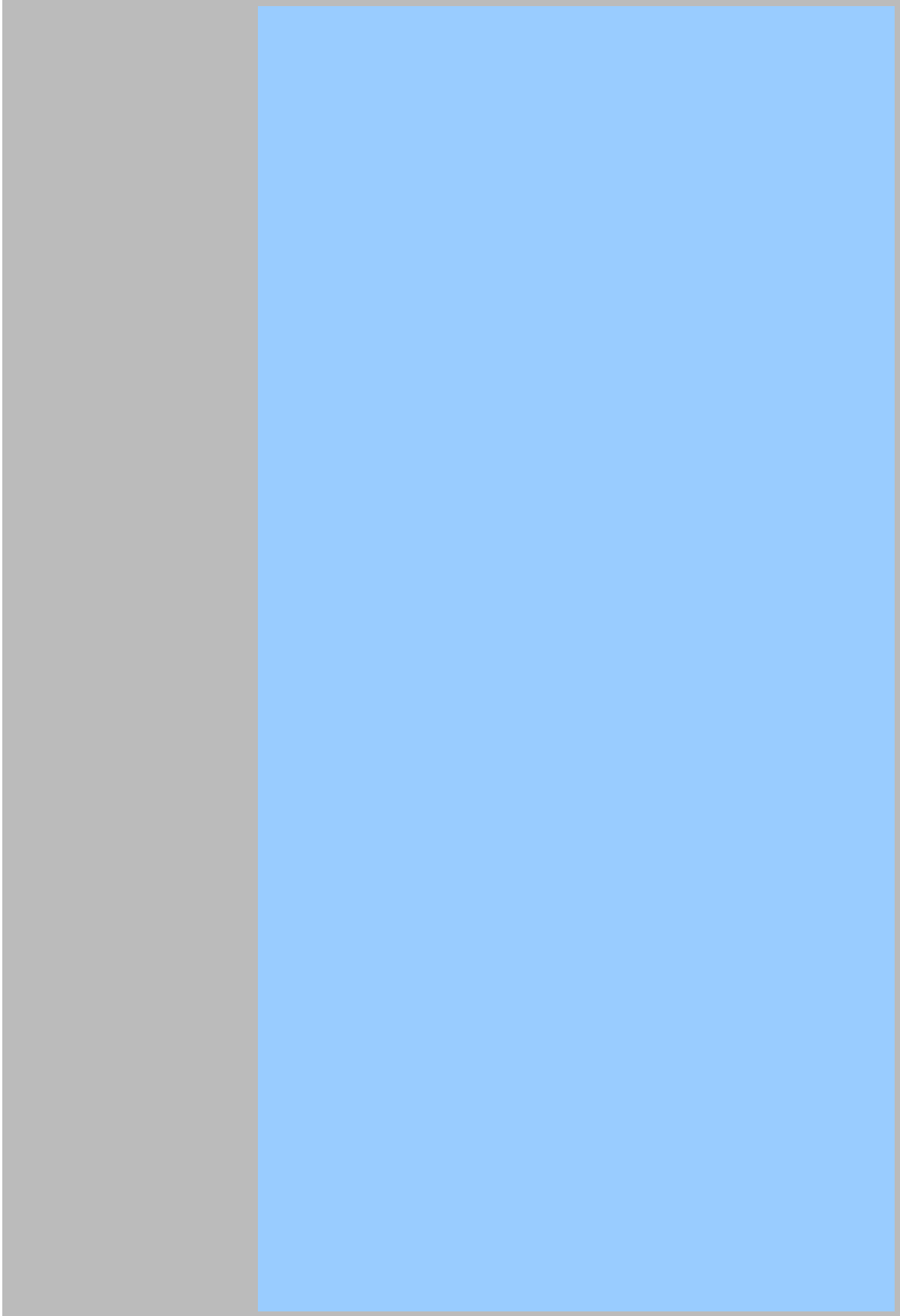
The Foundation is requesting that the City contribute \$140,000 toward construction expenses and create a ten-year agreement where the Foundation will operate and maintain the carousel and pavilion. The Foundation will provide the design, estimated at \$16,000, and donate \$110,000 to the City towards the estimated \$250,000 construction costs.

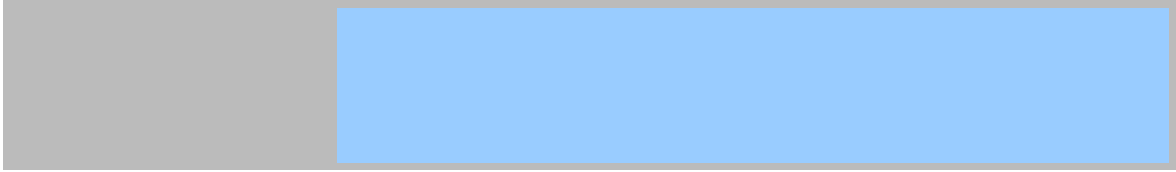
During its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 1999, Council requested that the Park and Recreation Department contact the St. Paul Foundation for written confirmation for use of Rieger estate funds toward construction of the pavilion. Council also requested that Park and Recreation Department staff meet with the Union Park Neighborhood Association for input into use of the Rieger estate gift for construction of the pavilion.

Attached to the roll call is the letter of authorization from the St. Paul Foundation for using the Rieger estate funds towards completion of the pavilion. On December 14, 1999, the Union Park Neighborhood Association unanimously recommended that the City use \$40,000 from the Rieger estate towards the construction expenses of the pavilion at Union Park.

The Carousel has received very significant use since its initial installation two years ago. This past summer attendance reached over 60,000 visitors. The addition of the pavilion will allow for a longer season and provide the necessary security for the carousel during non-operational hours and during the fall and winter months. The construction of the pavilion will also increase the life of the carousel since the Foundation will not need to dismantle it each fall and reassemble it each spring.

The Agreement between the City and the Des Moines Carousel Foundation is currently under review by the City Legal Department and will be forwarded to the Des Moines Carousel Foundation in early January. Staff anticipates that this Agreement will be presented to Council on Monday, January 24, 2000.





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