

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-176**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

Approval to receive \$10,000 gift towards the purchase of playground equipment for Laurel Hill Park and mission service project to assist in the development of the Laurel Hill Park improvements from the Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

APRIL 24, 2000

**SUBJECT:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

LAUREL HILL PARK  
DONATION AND  
SERVICE PROJECT

Cash donation of \$10,000. Volunteer support.

**TYPE:**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BACKGROUND -**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

Over the past 18 months, Park and Recreation Department staff has been working with local representatives of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ to assist in identifying a mission project for their national convention. This national convention is called the Session 2000 conference and it will be hosted in Des Moines from July 5 through July 9, 2000.

One component of the Session conference is an annual fundraiser and mission project. Sheldon Henderson of Christian Church Disciples of Christ contacted the Park and Recreation Department for suggestions on potential mission projects to assist neighborhoods and youth in the Des Moines area. Several park locations were shared with the local representatives and Laurel Hill Park was the mission project selected by the Session 2000 committee.

The Park and Recreation Department, Laurel Hill Neighborhood Association, and members from the Christian

Church Disciples of Christ will work together this summer to install the playground equipment and complete other master plan improvements at Laurel Hill Park.

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