



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-257

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 5, 2000

To approve the concept of a 28E Agreement between the Park and Recreation Department and Des Moines Water Works for Horticulture Maintenance of Open Spaces in and around Gray's Lake.

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF
CONCEPT FOR 28E
AGREEMENT WITH
DES MOINES
WATER WORKS

FISCAL IMPACT -

Decrease in horticultural maintenance costs of affected facilities.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

To approve the concept of creating a 28E Agreement with Des Moines Water Works as outlined, and direct staff to return with an agreement by June 24, 2000.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

City staff and Water Works employees have reached a tentative agreement that will provide for Water Works to begin grounds maintenance tasks at Gray's Lake, Fleur Drive median, and Carney Park. The goal of this corroboration is as follows:

To share grounds maintenance responsibilities between the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and Des Moines Water Works Parks; to improve the working relationship between the two entities; to provide a positive public image of the Fleur Drive corridor from the Raccoon River Bridge south to Army Post Road; to consider the possibility of extending maintenance responsibilities further south on Fleur Drive.

Additionally, the City and Water Works will be working together in the

design and construction of recreational trail connections through Water Works Park.

The following division of duties has been discussed and agreed upon by staff:

Des Moines Water Works Responsibilities

Gray's Lake

- Provide mowing of all turf areas, trimming included
- Provide weed pest control
- Provide pre-mowing litter removal
- Apply fertilizer to turf and flower beds
- Provide pruning of plant materials, with the exception of larger specimens
- Maintain newly planted materials
- Plant and maintain entrance flowerbed
- Provide Water Works staff to assist in planning
- Provide security support

Fleur Drive Corridor

- Provide mowing of all turf areas from the Raccoon River Bridge to Army Post Road
- Mowing to include the City right-of-way
- Provide pre-mowing litter removal
- Apply fertilizer to turf and flower beds
- Plant and maintain flower displays
- Provide weed control for both turf and concrete surfaces
- Provide pruning of plant materials
- Provide pest control for crab apple specimens

Carney Park

- Provide mowing and trimming of all turf areas
- Provide pre-mowing litter removal
- Apply fertilizer to turf areas as instructed
- Provide weed control

Bill Riley Trail

· Provide trail maintenance from Ashworth Park through Des Moines Water Works Park, inclusive of grading for proper drainage, mowing shoulders, removing fallen brush, and litter removal. This segment has been initiated.

City of Des Moines

- Provide for annual flowers for the City's property and Des Moines Water Works Park
- Provide plant materials for Gray's Lake and Fleur Drive

improvements

- Build an asphalt trail from Ashworth Park to the Water Works Park bridge, summer 2000.
- Apply for grant assistance in behalf of the Des Moines Water Works for the trail systems passing through Water Works Park
- Provide matching funds for trail systems passing through Water Works Park
- Provide asphalt maintenance to trail system
- Provide turf maintenance products for properties of City parks
- Provide all other Gray's Lake Park management and operation functions including emptying trash receptacles, cleaning restrooms, maintaining buildings and structures