

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

00-294

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JULY 10, 2000

SUBJECT:

28E AGREEMENT
WITH DES MOINES
WATER WORKS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Approval is requested for a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and Des Moines Water Works. Said Agreement enhances horticultural maintenance of Gray's Lake, Fleur Drive, and Carney Park, and the maintenance of the Bill Riley Bike Trail from Ashworth Park through the Des Moines Water Works Park; and facilitates the construction and/or maintenance of other asphalt trails through Water Works Park.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Decrease in horticultural maintenance costs of aforementioned facilities.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

At their June 27, 2000 meeting, the Board of Water Works Trustees approved the attached 28E Agreement. The goal of this collaboration is as follows:

To share maintenance responsibilities between the City of Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and Des Moines Water Works; to improve the working relationship between the two entities; to provide a positive image of the Fleur Drive corridor; to work together on the design construction of recreational trail connections through Water Works Park.

The following division of duties is contained in the 28E Agreement:

Des Moines Water Works Responsibilities

Gray's Lake

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

Fleur Drive

- Provide mowing of all turf areas, including 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 crabapple 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 Water Works Park, including grading for proper drainage, mowing shoulders, and removing fallen brush and litter. This segment has been initiated.
- Provide security support

Greenhouse Use

- Provide the use of Water Works' greenhouse to grow annual flowers for planting at Water Works Park, Gray's Lake, and along the Fleur Drive corridor. Although City personnel will be primarily responsible for the growing of plant materials in these facilities, Water Works personnel may be asked to assist in watering

City of Des Moines

- Provide all annual flowers for City's property and Water Works

Park

- Provide plant materials for Gary's Lake and Fleur Drive improvements
- Build an asphalt trail from Ashworth Park to the Water Works Park bridge during the summer of 2000
- Apply for grant assistance in behalf of the Water Works for the recreational trail systems passing through Water Works Park
- Provide matching funds for recreational 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 management and operation functions, including emptying trash receptacles, cleaning restrooms, maintaining buildings and structures