

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-400

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

To receive and file recommendations from the Citizen Advisory Wading Pool Committee.

AUGUST 28, 2000

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

WADING POOL
RECOMMENDATIONS

\$2.8 million construction cost estimate. No funds are currently budgeted to implement. Combination of public and private funds is anticipated.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive and file recommendations from the Citizen Advisory Wading Pool Committee.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The Citizen Advisory Wading Pool Committee will be presenting a Powerpoint presentation for the Council to receive and file. This presentation is for information only and will be placed on the Park and Recreation Board's October agenda for final recommendations.

A series of four (4) public meetings have been scheduled to present the Committee's recommendations and receive public input. The public meeting schedule is as follows:

September 6th	6:00 pm	Meredith Middle School	Ward I
September 20th	6:00 pm	Goodrell Middle School	Ward II
September 27th	6:00 pm	Weeks Middle School	Ward IV

October 4th

6:00 pm

Brody Middle School

Ward III

On July 25, 2000, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board received and filed the recommendations from the Citizen Advisory Wading Pool Committee. This item will be on the Board's August 29th agenda for discussion.

Upon completion of the public meetings, a final recommendation will be presented to the Park and Recreation Board at their October 24, 2000, meeting. The final recommendation from the Board will be forwarded to the Des Moines City Council for adoption later in October.

The City of Des Moines constructed 25 wading pools beginning in the early 1900s. To continue this service, these facilities need to be rebuilt over the next several years.

Since 1992, the City has operated between 20 and 22 wading pool locations. Over the past three years, the wading pool program has served over 29,000 users annually. The area wading pools provide a unique feature to Des Moines' park system, allowing youth a free water play area combined with art and craft activities at various park locations, as part of a joint summer program co-sponsored by the Des Moines Independent School District.

In June of 1999, the Park and Recreation Board established a Citizen Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to the Park and Recreation Board on the future design, implementation schedule, and locations of the new wading pools. Committee members were recruited through the summer of 1998 at Des Moines' wading pools. This committee is co-chaired by Jeanne Schulte and Dan Scigliano.

On September 13, 1999, by Resolution Number 99-2843, the City Council approved a Professional Service Agreement with Larkin Aquatics out of Kansas City, Missouri.

The Committee, with support from Larkin Aquatics, have worked over the past 18 months to create the criteria to determine the future of Des Moines' wading pools. The Powerpoint presentation is the result of their work.

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