



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-548**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Approve a grant submittal request, entitled "A Million More by 2004", to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) from the Des Moines Disc Golf Club to purchase and plant 42 trees at Grandview Park.

**SUBJECT:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

GRANT  
SUBMITTAL: "A  
MILLION MORE BY  
2004" FOR TREES AT  
GRANDVIEW PARK

\$3,000 total  
\$500 Park and Recreation Department Operating Budget (match)  
\$1,000 private donations secured by the Des Moines Disc Golf Club (match)  
\$1,500 grant request to IDNR

**TYPE:**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**BACKGROUND -**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

On June 27, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2244, the City Council accepted the donation of an 18-hole disc golf course at Grandview Park. Since the installation of the course, disc golf members have planted and cared for 23 trees, 27 shrubs, 300 hostas, 1,000 daylilies, and 400 other perennials.

Becky Zelleck, from the Des Moines Disc Golf Club, has chaired the planting and care of the plant material. In addition, club members routinely pick up litter as they play the course at Grandview Park.

Since January of 1998, Grandview Park has lost over 400 trees from natural disasters. The grant application, which is on file in the City Clerk's office, will be used to reforest Grandview Park.

The 2001 Iowa Legislature passed and Governor Tom Vilsack agreed to appropriate state infrastructure funds to IDNR for a community-based tree planting grant program called "A Million More by 2004." The grant requires a signature of approval from a local government official having jurisdiction over the public lands where the trees will be planted.

The Des Moines Disc Golf Club has prepared the grant request with assistance from Park and Recreation Department staff. Applications must be submitted by December 4, 2000. Recipients must purchase all planting stock from Iowa nurseries licensed by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.