

Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-142	OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA
AGENDA:	SYNOPSIS -
MARCH 26, 2001	To approve a three-year Lease Agreement by and between the Des Moines Metro BMX Club and the City of Des Moines to develop a bicycle moto-cross track at Ewing Park.
SUBJECT:	FISCAL IMPACT -
BMX TRACK AT EWING PARK	Construction is estimated at a value of \$129,000. The Des Moines Metro BMX Club will pay for the expense of construction, and for the lease payment to the City of \$15 per year for three years.
TYPE:	Improved entrance and road paving to support the BMX and Soap Box Derby Club activities and events in the amount of \$50,000 will be funded by the Park and Recreation Department approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.
<u>RESOLUTION</u> ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	RECOMMENDATION -
SUBMITTED BY:	Approve a Lease Agreement by and between the Des Moines Metro BMX Club and the City of Des Moines to develop a bicycle moto-cross track at Ewing Park.
DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR	BACKGROUND -
	On July 25, 2000, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board approved the recommendation to develop a BMX track at Ewing Park. A public meeting was held at Ewing Park on July 11, 2000 to present the course design for the development of the BMX track. The response from citizens and the Soap Box Derby Club was very supportive.
	The Lease Agreement, which is on file with the City Clerk, allows for the leasing of five acres between McKinley Avenue and the Soap

Box Derby track located in Ewing Park.

Site improvements include hard surfacing the entrance off of McKinley Avenue, track installation, event support structures, lighting, parking, and security fencing. The parking lot will be between the Soap Box and BMX tracks, allowing shared use by both clubs. This will assist in reducing the number of parking spaces used by both clubs during practices and competitions.

Site plans and construction documents are currently being reviewed by various City departments and are subject to all City approvals, prior to construction of said improvements as part of the Lease Agreement.

The Des Moines Metro BMX Club anticipates holding practices several times a week with local competitions on the weekends. Once completed, this site may host a national caliber BMX event. This new family activity in the park shall assist in providing additional security from the anticipated participation of local users.