

## Meeting Agendas/Info

### CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

01-498

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

#### AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

#### SYNOPSIS -

Approval to set date of public hearing for October 8, 2001, for leasing a portion of Franklin Field (52nd and Franklin) to Polk County for the construction and management of a Community Center.

#### SUBJECT:

SETTING DATE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR LEASING LAND  
AT FRANKLIN FIELD  
(52ND AND  
FRANKLIN) TO POLK  
COUNTY FOR  
CONSTRUCTION AND  
MANAGEMENT OF A  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER

#### FISCAL IMPACT -

Polk County will provide \$50,000 worth of public improvements yet to be determined.

#### RECOMMENDATION -

**Approval.**

#### TYPE:

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

#### BACKGROUND -

On May 7, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-1419, the City Council requested Park and Recreation Department staff study the potential for the construction of a senior center west of the Franklin Avenue Library on Franklin Field (52nd and Franklin).

#### SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

Over the past several months, County, Library, and Park and Recreation Department staff have been reviewing the site for potential development and cooperation between the Senior Center and future expansion of the Franklin Avenue Library, anticipated to occur in 2007.

The chosen site is located just west of the Franklin Avenue Library and East of 52nd Street. The 94,500 square foot development area will allow for the construction of a 10,000 square foot Community Center and parking for 100 vehicles. In addition, the site will allow for some flexibility to accommodate the future expansion plans of the Franklin Avenue Library.

The terms and conditions set forth in the lease include a 65-year lease agreement for the County to construct and manage a Community Center. Consideration of \$50,000 in public improvements, yet to be determined, will also provide additional site improvements to the area. The County will assume all construction and operating expenses associated with the Community Center.

Several public meetings, along with presentations to the Des Moines Library Board, have all received positive support for this improvement in the northwest part of the City.

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