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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-518

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

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 8, 2001

SYNOPSIS -

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 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement.

SUBJECT:

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**

On May 7, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-1419, the City Council requested Park and Recreation 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, Polk 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 Polk 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. Polk 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.

The Polk County Board of Supervisors have signed the lease agreement.
