

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-184

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

APRIL 8, 2002

Ted Townsend of the Iowa Primate Learning Sanctuary has written the City of Des Moines regarding a donation of real property known as the "Hubbell Tract." This resolution will authorize the research needed to analyze such a request.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORT FOR
CONVEYING THE
"HUBBELL TRACT"
FOR USE BY THE
IOWA PRIMATE
LEARNING
SANCTUARY

Yet to be determined.

RECOMMENDATION -

TYPE:

Endorse the concept and authorize appraisal and research for submission to City Council at a later date for further direction regarding the possibility of using the Hubbell Tract for a research facility and ape sanctuary.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

This proposal from Mr. Townsend comes after the Park and Recreation Department provided a list of locations that would meet the program needs of this project. The project has both significant tourism and educational components for Des Moines and staff is supportive of this request. Previous attempts to locate this on Fort Des Moines Park property, next to Blank Park Zoo, were unsuccessful with the Polk County Conservation Board.

Mr. Townsend or his representatives will be available at the meeting to discuss the merits of their proposal.

The conveyance of this property is being processed using the Property Land Asset Management Policy Guidelines which include review by all affected departments and approval by the City Manager. Preliminary research has not revealed any restrictions or

covenants attached to the ground that would prohibit the suggested use and development of the Hubbell Tract.

An appraisal is being completed to establish the fair market value. Following all the research and documentation, a summary report will be presented to City Council for their review and direction regarding the Hubbell Tract and the Iowa Primate Learning Sanctuary.
