

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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02-199

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

APRIL 8, 2002

Approve the redevelopment plan for Greenwood Park

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

GREENWOOD PARK
REDEVELOPMENT
PLAN

If implemented in full, the total project cost is estimated to be \$2,300,000, including public and private funds. The project will be phased in as part of the City's Capital Improvement Program. There is \$1,400,000 in the recently adopted FY 03-08 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approve the redevelopment plan as presented.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Greenwood Park is one of the first-of-four parcels of land within the City of Des Moines to be designated as a park. Since its inception, Greenwood has seen numerous improvements including the Sylvan Amphitheater, Rose Garden, Mary Miss Environmental Sculpture area, Science Center, Arts Center, Bill Riley Trail and the Ashworth swimming pool. Over the years, some park elements like Sylvan Amphitheater have fallen into disrepair and/or are rarely used. Walkways and trails have never been fully developed. Traffic patterns in and out of the park have changed. Picnicking and parking facilities are inadequate for such a large park.

In the Spring of 2001, the City of Des Moines contracted with a local landscape architect, Brian Clark & Associates, to re-master a plan for Greenwood Park. Following several meetings with focus groups, neighborhood associations, Park and Recreation staff, and the general public, a final master plan has been prepared. Park elements identified for improvement include: several new walkways and trails;

additional parking areas; a large year-round picnic/warming shelter; renovation of Sylvan Amphitheater; uniform signage; relocation of the park maintenance facility; various erosion control measures; and the sale of four lots on the northwest corner of the park property. The Plan has been presented to and/or approved by several City boards:

- (1) Architectural Advisory Committee (12/11/01) - Receive and File
 - (2) Planning & Zoning Commission (12/20/01) - Receive and File
 - (3) Historic District Commission (1/20/02) - Receive and File
 - (4) Park and Recreation Board (1/22/02) - Approval
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