

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**03-249**

**AGENDA:**

JUNE 9, 2003

**SUBJECT:**

BMX TRACK LEASE  
AT EWING PARK

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

To approve a five-year lease agreement with a five-year option to renew by and between the Des Moines Metro BMX Club and the City of Des Moines to maintain and operate a bicycle motocross track at Ewing Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Park and Recreation Services Operating Budget (GE001/PKS102200). The lease payment to the City is \$15 per year for five years for a total of \$75. Consideration is also being given for construction, maintenance, and management of the track by the Club.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND —**

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.

On July 25, 2000, the Park and Recreation Board approved the recommendation to develop the BMX track at Ewing Park.

On March 26, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-847, the City Council approved a three-year lease agreement with the Des Moines Metro BMX Club to build and operate a BMX track on five acres within Ewing Park.

The Des Moines Metro BMX Club, with 150 members, holds practices several times a week with local competitions on the weekends. This new family activity in the park assists in providing additional security from the participation of local users.

