



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

**Date**

March 20, 2006

**Agenda Item No.** 65

**Roll Call No.** 06-

**Communication No.** 06-156

**Submitted by:** Richard A. Clark, City Manager

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval of contract with Drake University for the use of Sheslow Auditorium for the Youth Advisory Board's Metro Star event.

**SYNOPSIS:**

This action accepts the contract with Drake University for the use of Sheslow Auditorium to host the Youth Advisory Board's 2006 Metro Star event; and authorizes the City Manager to sign the contract upon review and approval by the Legal Department and Risk Manager. The City Manager's Office will assist the Youth Advisory Board to carry out the terms and conditions of the contract.

Metro Star is a talent showcase that also serves as a fundraiser for the Youth Advisory Board. Metro Star funds increase the board's ability to provide training to its members, complete community betterment projects, and to provide positive opportunities to the community's youth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$400

Funding Source: 2005-2006 Operating Budget under: Page 351, Youth Advisory Board, SP845, CMO980714.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Youth Advisory Board was created in 1996 with the goal of increasing communication and partnerships between youth and adults in the community. Originally, the board contained seven adults and five youth. In 2002, the by laws were changed to increase the number of youth representatives to fifteen. Today, the adults on the board serve only in advisory roles. As such, the Metro Star event will be planned and executed by the youth on the board.

The biggest restraint the board faces is funding. The board receives staff support from the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Independent School District, but does not receive any budgeted funds. Metro

Star funds increase the board's ability to provide training to its members, complete community betterment projects, and to provide positive opportunities to the community's youth.

Metro Star 2005 was held on March 31, 2005. The talent show featured teenagers from across the Des Moines Metropolitan Area and drew great media attention. This year's event is scheduled for March 31 at Sheslow Auditorium. Metro Star 2006 will provide another unique and valuable opportunity for youth in and around the Des Moines area. Besides raising money for the Youth Advisory Board, this event showcases youth talents to the community.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: February 6, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-300

Action: Agreements with owners of Merle Hay Mall and Southridge Mall to host auditions during February, for the Youth Advisory Board's Metro Star Event which will be held on March 30.

Date: March 7, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-560

Action: Theater Rental Agreement with Hoyt Sherman Place for the Youth Advisory Board's annual Metro Star Event performance on March 31, 2005. ([Council Communication No. 05-113](#)) Moved by Vlassis to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

Date: February 7, 2006

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Motion to proceed with Metro Star 2006. Motion carried 7-5.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**