



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 42

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-454

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Parking Lot and Walkway Use Agreement with First Federated Church, 4801 Franklin Avenue, Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of Parking Lot and Walkway Use Agreement with First Federated Church. This action authorizes park patrons to use 96 stalls of the church's parking lot, at no charge to the City, during park hours for park purposes, generally from April through October. The Use Agreement also allows the City to construct a walkway on church property leading from the parking lot to the park.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount:

Funding Source:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

While working on the master plan for Tower Park, the Park and Recreation Department held several public meetings to gather neighborhood input and concerns. Access and location of activities in the park were some of the concerns. The recommended master plan improvements included renovation of an existing wading pool to a new style wading pool with splash grounds similar to Ashby, M.L. King, Pete Crivaro, and Union Parks. The existing wading pool on the west side of the park has limited access, and no off-street parking. City staff proposed a relocation of the new wading pool to the east side of the park. Tower Park does not have parking facilities on the east side. In anticipation of the future increased need for parking, staff approached First Federated Church and suggested that, as a gesture of goodwill to the community, they allow park patrons to use a portion of the parking lot.

The result of that meeting was an agreement allowing use of 96 spaces in the northwest corner of the parking lot at 4801 Franklin Avenue, except during Sunday morning services, Wednesday night fellowship services, and during other occasional church programs. The wading pool will not typically be open during these times. The agreement also gives the City a license allowing the City to install a ten (10) foot wide paved walkway connecting the First Federated parking lot with a paved walkway to be built in Tower Park.

The term of the agreement is from April 1, 2006 until March 31, 2008 and may be extended for additional one-year periods upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The City Manager is authorized to renew the agreement for up to five (5) one-year additional terms.

Signage will be installed by the City to indicate appropriate parking times and spaces. Clean up of the areas will be the responsibility of the City during the months that the Tower Park facilities are open, generally April through October.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE