



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 40

Roll Call No. 07-

Communication No. 07-236

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Termination of Lease Agreement with South Des Moines Girls Amateur Softball Association (SDMGASA) for use of Carney Park ball fields.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to terminate the Lease Agreement with SDMGASA for the use of Carney Park ball fields. SDMGASA has requested termination of the lease because they prefer to rent field space based on the city's established ordinance rates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,000 in anticipated revenues from private rentals of the baseball/softball fields due to termination of the lease agreement.

Funding Source: Proceeds will be deposited into Park and Recreation Department, Athletics and Sports Tourism, GE001 PKS0100400, page 146 in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Operating Budget.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On March 7, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-595, the City Council approved a Lease Agreement with the South Des Moines Girls Amateur Softball Association (SDMGASA) for lease of Carney softball fields for the purposes of youth softball play and other related purposes for a term of one-year with three (three-year) options to renew. The first renewal option is to expire on December 31, 2008. In March 2007, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department received an electronic letter from the SDMGASA requesting that the existing lease for the use of Carney Softball fields be terminated.

SDMGASA currently has their own athletic complex and previously determined that access to the two fields at Carney would enhance their program offerings. However, over the past two years, the club has found it difficult to maintain both locations and prefers to rent field space based on the city's established ordinance rates allowing them access on as needed basis. This change in use will also allow the Park and Recreation Department to rent these fields to other users to host practices, games and tournaments.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-172

Action: Approving Lease Agreement with South Des Moines Little League for use of Carney ball fields. Council Communication No. 05-037). Moved by Hensley. Motioned passed 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE