



Council
Communication
Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 43
Roll Call No. 07-
Communication No. 07-400
Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorizing the Park and Recreation Director to sign Camp Dodge grounds lease for use of the Leadership Reaction Course for the Youth in Parks Program and to sign future similar agreements.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of the Park and Recreation Director or his designee to sign a lease for use of Camp Dodge's Leadership Reaction Course for an afternoon activity for the Youth in Parks program. This action also authorizes the Park and Recreation Director to sign similar program participation or facility use agreements in connection with services or programs offered by the Park and Recreation Department, subject to approval as to form by the Legal Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$50.00

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2007-08 Operating Budget, Park and Recreation Department, Youth in Parks, GE001 PKS104600, page 249.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department offers a program titled Youth In Parks for youth entering grades six through nine. This program provides an alternative to parents whose children are too old for babysitters and too young to be left alone during the summer with limited transportation. Youth In Parks offers a structured, safe atmosphere for youth to learn new skills, explore the environment, help the community, expand their leadership skills and have fun.

The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is based out of the Archie Brooks Community Center. The fee for this program is \$60.00 per week and includes community service projects at local businesses, work projects with Des Moines Park and Recreation and Polk County Conservation and guided tours of local colleges and businesses. In the afternoons, the youth participate in a fun activity such as swimming at a pool, attending an Iowa Cubs game, visiting the Science Center, etc.

One of the afternoon program offerings is a Leadership Reaction Course at the Camp Dodge facility, whereby the youth will work on leadership and problem solving skills while trying to manipulate various outdoor challenge courses. This activity fits well with the program objectives of Youth In Parks.

The Camp Dodge facility requires a signed lease for use of the course, and therefore the Park and Recreation Department requests authorization for the Park and Recreation Director, or his designee, to sign the lease agreement allowing for staff and participants to enjoy this unique facility. A copy of the lease with Camp Dodge is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Additionally, staff requests approval for the Park and Recreation Director or his designee to sign similar agreements in the future should other area businesses require a similar agreement forms to be approved for participation. Similar approval has been granted by City Council in the past to allow the Park and Recreation Director to submit grants applications or execute agreements for athletic events.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 8, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-509

Action: Authorization for Park and Recreation Director or his designee to execute agreements related to implementation of athletic events or tournaments which are not Park and Recreation Department programs, but which are hosted or sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department at its facilities. ([Council Communication No. 04-122](#)) Moved by Brooks to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

Date: February 23, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-395

Action: Authorizing Park and Recreation Director or his designee to sign and submit applications for grants or other giving programs for planning, development, maintenance, and operation of facilities, structures and programs undertaken by Des Moines Park and Recreation Department. ([Council Communication No. 04-080](#)) Moved by Coleman to approve. City Manager will provide the Council with a periodic list of the grant applications that have been sent. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE