

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 24, 2011
	Agenda Item No. [] Roll Call No. <u>11-1413</u> Communication No. <u>11-579</u> Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the facility use agreement for Gray’s Lake Park, Meredith Trail and Simon Estes Amphitheater for the 2011 5150 Hy-Vee Triathlon.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the facility use agreement for Gray’s Lake Park, Meredith Trail and Simon Estes Amphitheater for the 2011 5150 Hy-Vee Triathlon to be held on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hy-Vee is hosting the “5150 Triathlon Series Triathlon” in the Greater Des Moines area on September 4, 2011. The Elite portion and the Age Group portion of Hy-Vee Triathlon will be held on Sunday, September 4, 2011 utilizing various city facilities including Gray’s Lake Park, the Meredith Trail, the Red Pedestrian Bridge and the Simon Estes Amphitheater throughout the day. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2011 the age group race with approximately 2,000 participants will begin their swim portion of the Triathlon at Gray’s Lake. The participants will then transition on to their bikes and follow a route (attached to the Roll Call) from Gray’s Lake Park out on Grand Ave. to West Des Moines, back into Des Moines and back to Gray’s Lake Park via George Flagg Parkway where the participants will then transition off their bikes and on to the Meredith Trail, the Red Pedestrian Bridge and via city streets to the finish line at the State Capitol.

At 1:30 p.m. on September 4, 2011, 30 Elite Women Athletes will begin their swim portion of the Triathlon at the Simon Estes Amphitheatre (Amphitheatre) by diving off of a platform into the Des Moines River where they will swim two laps in the Des Moines River, transition through the Amphitheatre to their bikes on the Locust Street Bridge and continue their route via city streets through downtown Des Moines (route attached to the roll call) to also finish at the State Capitol. The 30 Elite Men Athletes will follow this same route at the conclusion of the women’s race at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The agreement also states that Hy-Vee shall be responsible for obtaining any applicable permits or licenses from the Iowa Department of Natural resources, or any other State of Iowa regulatory agency

with jurisdiction, to hold the Elite Cup swim event in the Des Moines River. The City shall test the Des Moines River for water quality (including bacterial levels) pursuant to the World Triathlon Corporation standards and safety precautions/requirements. Hy-Vee shall conduct depth safety safety/hazard tests pursuant to the WTC standards and safety precautions/requirements and schedule. If requested by Hy-Vee, the City will contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to request a deviation in the discharge rate for the Saylorville Reservoir to regulate the flow rate in the Des Moines River to a velocity within the parameters established by Hy-Vee for the swim event (estimated to be under 4000 cfs). Hy-Vee shall be responsible for assuring that debris in the Des Moines River in the Event Area meets WTC standards and that there are no hazardous debris in the Event Area of the river during the swim event. In the event of inclement weather, flooding, unacceptable water quality or other natural disasters, the Triathlon director and the City of Des Moines' City Manager, or his designee, shall, in accordance with the WTC Rules and Regulations, mutually determine if the Triathlon or any event of the triathlon shall be delayed or cancelled. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City of Des Moines City Manager, or his designee, shall have the ultimate discretion and authority to cancel the Triathlon in the event that, in his determination, such conditions, including acts of flooding, drought, or other natural disasters, present a risk to the safety, health or welfare of the general public.

The 5150 Hy-Vee Triathlon is a major event for the City of Des Moines which will attract thousands of spectators to Downtown Des Moines and will be beneficial to the citizens of the City of Des Moines.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 4, 20007

Roll Call Number: 07-1085

Action: [Facility](#) Use Agreement on Gray's Lake Park for Hy-Vee Triathlon. ([Council Communication No. 07-339](#)) **Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.**

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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