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	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 54B <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>14-1504</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>14-464</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approve Amendment of the Concession Agreement for the Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Brenton Skating Plaza (Skating Plaza) between the City, the Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District a/k/a Operation Downtown (OD), and the Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority (RMS) regarding establishment of facility hours and the allowance of free City events.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval of an Amendment to the Concession Agreement for the Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Skating Plaza between the City, OD, and the RMS to allow the Park and Recreation Director to establish facility hours of operation for the Skating Plaza and increase from 10 to 15 the number of complimentary event dates/times the City is allowed annually at the facility.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On November 18, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1815, City Council approved the agreement between the City, OD, and RMS for operation of the Skating Plaza. Per this agreement, the Park and Recreation Board and City Council must approve all hours of operation for the Skating Plaza. Staff is recommending that the agreement be amended to instead allow for the hours of operation of the facility to be established by the Park and Recreation Director, making the Skating Plaza Agreement consistent with other Park and Recreation facility concessionaire agreements.

The current agreement also authorizes the City to hold up to a total of 10 events per year, subject to availability. The proposed Amendment allows for up to 15 City sponsored events per year, with seven (7) of those allowed per skating season, subject to availability. This increase will allow the Park and Recreation to schedule more events and programming at the Skating Plaza in the summer months, to take advantage of the new shade canopy installed in 2014.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: November 18, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1815](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) between Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District – Operation Downtown and Rink Management Services Corporation for operation of Brenton Skating Plaza through April 30, 2014 with automatic renewals unless notice of not to renew for every year for up to two years. ([Council Communication No. 13-561](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0

Date: September 9, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1401](#)

Action: [Concession](#) Agreement for the Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Brenton Skating Plaza with Downtown Des Moines Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District a/k/a Operation Downtown and the Riverfront Development Authority. ([Council Communication No. 13-456](#)) Moved by Moore to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 5, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1708](#)

Action: [Des](#) Moines Riverfront Development Authority (RDA) Agreement with Rink Management Services Corporation for operation of Brenton Skating Plaza. ([Council Communication No. 12-568](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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