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	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval for the Director of Park and Recreation to sign an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the installation of dam warning and water trail bridge signs.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approving the Director of Park and Recreation to sign an agreement with IDNR for the installation of dam warning and water trail bridge signs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$10,550.00

Funding Source: IDNR Water Trails Program. There is no cost to the City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The IDNR promotes paddling on Iowa’s lakes, rivers, and creeks and is working toward creating a statewide trail system where rivers and lakes are developed in ways that are friendly toward canoeists and kayakers. A mission of IDNR’s Water Trails Program is to keep recreationists safe from potential river hazards such as low-head dams by providing ample warning and portage trails. IDNR developed a sign protocol to ensure dam awareness and is entering into this agreement to facilitate the proper signage of the Raccoon River and Des Moines River dams within the City of Des Moines’s water trails.

IDNR assisted Park and Recreation staff in determining the proper locations and signage necessary to follow their established protocol. Specifications were drafted, permits were obtained, and a contractor hired to complete the installations. The signs included dam warning signage and water trail bridge signs on 7th Street Bridge, Scott Street Bridge, and Euclid Avenue Bridge. The IDNR developed the access at Walnut Woods State Park and Des Moines Water Works installed a portage trail around the dam at Fleur Drive. Installation of these signs allows for safe access along the water trails in Des Moines and also advances the following City goals:

Entertainment Destinations: Des Moines will be an entertainment hub for all ages and will attract visitors from the metro region and beyond.

Pride in Community Assets: The City will set the standard for constructing and maintaining attractive buildings, parks, and infrastructure that represent our world-class city and generate civic pride.

Public Safety: Residents and visitors will experience a sense of safety in all neighborhoods and in all activities.

Sustainable Green Community: Des Moines will be a leader in setting policies and practicing service delivery innovations that promote environmental sustainability. Des Moines will offer safe, reliable, and convenient transportation alternatives that reduce reliance on automobiles and parking facilities.

Vibrant Downtown Area: Downtown Des Moines will be a “24-7” city within a city, with a strong employment base, entertainment and recreation opportunities, housing, and retail.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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