


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-259	Meeting:	May 22, 2023
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	23-0743
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of Agreement with Des Moines Independent Community School District (DMPS) for Shared Use of City Parks and Recreational Facilities and School District Facilities.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Agreement for Shared Use of Parks and Recreation Department Facilities and the DMPS Facilities Agreement effective May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2026; then subject to one (1) automatic renewal until April 30, 2029. This Agreement reflects the continuation of an ongoing relationship and similar agreements between the City and DMPS.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Revenue of \$100,000 annually to be paid by May 2023, for the three (3)-year term, with final payment by May 1, 2026, and subject to renewal until April 30, 2029 (total revenues \$600,000).

Funding Source: \$100,000, Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget, Parks and Recreation G001 PK201261, Pools Page 159 and G001 PK201263, Athletics Page 161.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On August 14, 2017, by Roll Call No. 17-1386, City Council approved an Agreement for Shared Use of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department Facilities and DMPS Facilities to provide use for activities and programs inherent to the needs of both agencies. There were no substantive changes between this and the previous agreement. The DMPS will continue to provide \$100,000 annually for summer camps and youth and sports scholarships. The contract outlines times during which the Parks and Recreation Department will have priority use and likewise, times which the School District will have priority use of park facilities and spaces. Each agency will be responsible for adhering to the other's rules and ordinances and permitting processes.
- As provided in the Agreement, a DMPS swimming pool will be provided for the City's lifeguard training classes. The City will supervise these activities and pay for any additional expense attributable to these particular uses that occur beyond the regularly scheduled working hours of the DMPS staff.

- During non-regular school year timeframes, the City will have priority in scheduling use of school grounds including Hoover High School and Brody Middle School where facilities exist through previous financial collaboration of the two (2) agencies.
- The City entered into agreements for construction and installation of playground equipment, park improvements and amenities at certain school ground locations, where the DMPS maintains and replaces such improvements. For the duration of this agreement, the City and DMPS will share use of these grounds and improvements for recreation, athletic and playground uses at Earl Rodine Park at Harding Middle School, Kurtz Opportunity Center, Jefferson Elementary School, South Union Elementary School, Hiatt Middle School and Weeks Middle School Park.
- LiveDSM, the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, identifies park service gaps and establishes that all residents should have access to a park within a 10-minute walk. The Mayor has pledged to work towards meeting this goal. Working together, the City and DMPS are providing safe access to quality parks and grounds essential for physical and mental health, wellbeing, climate resilience, equity and strong connected communities leading to parks as the heart of our community.
- The City will provide the School District use of outlined facilities for conducting varsity athletic programs, intramurals, physical education classes or other programs. Facilities and uses include the following:
 - Tennis courts for practice and matches at no charge when available.
 - Use of Waveland, Blank and Grandview Golf Courses at \$1 per round for team practices and dual meets between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. For tournaments with more than two (2) teams and starting between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. fee is \$10 per person. Tournaments that start before 2:30 p.m. pay \$70 per team. The School District agrees to provide the proposed schedule to the golf course management by August 1. Scheduled events are subject to change the date and time at the discretion of golf course management up to one (1) week prior to the event. Free golf cart use may be offered to officials and coaches at the discretion of golf course management.
 - Park shelters and open space on weekdays during the school year at no charge when available.
 - Nahas Aquatic Center parking lot from the last day of swimming season to the start of swimming season at no charge.
 - James W. Cownie Soccer and Baseball Parks for high school and middle school use when available at 50% of the City's current fee rate.
 - Ewing Park to conduct up to three (3) Cross Country races with a day's written notification to the Park and Recreation Department.
 - Designated parks to be determined annually for distribution of School District's summer meal program.
 - Burke Park according to the park's existing scheduled events, programs and reservations.
- The School District will bear the costs of operating programs utilizing these facilities, will supervise these activities, and pay for any added expense attributable to these particular uses.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 14, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1386](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) for shared use of Park and Recreational Facilities and Des Moines Independent Community School District Facilities. ([Council Communication No. 17-571](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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