


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving license agreement with Can Play for City of Des Moines adapted sports recreation program.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommend approval of a license agreement with Can Play for the purpose of collaborating to provide trainings, videos and database information for adapted programming that may include soccer, basketball, watercraft use, baseball, softball, and other related recreational activities.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to providing recreation programming to meet the needs of all our community members, which includes enhancing our adapted programming offerings. Adapted programming refers to sports modified for athletes with a disability. They are designed to be inclusive, so everyone can participate and enjoy the sport.
- With over 2,500 known special needs children in the City, these tailored programs are essential for fostering inclusivity and supporting every child to be able to participate and thrive. Our goal is to create a supportive environment that enhances the well-being and development of all city residents.
- To help accomplish this goal, our department seeks to collaborate with Can Play, an Iowa non-profit organization community which aims to offer recreational programs by removing barriers to play. This license agreement will allow Can Play to provide trainings and curriculum for our staff and volunteers, specifically for our newly created adapted programs that may include soccer, basketball, watercraft use, baseball and softball.
- The City will also have the ability to utilize the recognizable and trusted Can Play name and logo when promoting these collaborations within the terms of the agreement and to accomplish the joint goal of bringing adapted and low to no-cost recreational programs to our community by removing barriers to play.
- There is no cost to the City to enter into this beneficial collaboration with Can Play.

- This Agreement will renew for successive one (1)-year terms, unless either Can Play or the City provides notice of termination.
- The City Parks and Recreation Department Director will be authorized to consider, approve, and execute future license agreements for this and similar Department programs, following approval as to form by the Legal Department.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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