


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number: 26-181	Meeting: May 18, 2026
	Agenda Item: 34	Roll Call: 26-0629
	Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Parks and Recreation Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing for vacation of a portion of Bates Park located at 220 Clark Street.

SYNOPSIS:

Hold hearing regarding the proposed vacation of approximately 0.7 acres consisting of two parcels of parkland within Bates Park.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Bates Park is currently a 3.7 acre park located at 220 Clark Street, Des Moines, IA 50314. The improved portion of Bates Park is within the western half of the park and contains a sprayground, open air shelter, playground, basketball court and flat open space.
- The proposed portion of Bates Park for vacation is within the eastern unimproved portion of the park. Outlined in yellow, this section is sloped and rarely used for park activities.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 4, 2026

Roll Call Number: [26-0576](#)

Action: [On](#) vacation of a portion of Bates Park located at 220 Clark Street. ([Council Communication No. 26-173](#)) Moved by Barron to adopt. Second by Simonson. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: March 24, 2026

Resolution Number: 26-022

Action: Motion by Davis to relinquish the designated area and forward to city council. Second by Chiodo. Motion carried

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- The City Manager will evaluate options for the conveyance and sale of the identified parcels and return to the City Council with a recommendation.

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