

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 99

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-120  
MARCH 17, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SEMI-ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIFTS REPORT	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD M. TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

To receive and file a semi-annual charitable gift report from the Park and Recreation Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

N/A.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Receive and file.

**BACKGROUND —**

The Park and Recreation Department relies heavily on gifts of cash, volunteerism, and equipment and supplies to support programs and facility operations. Use of these reserves allows City General Fund dollars to have a greater impact on park maintenance and operations. Staff has also found that solicitation of gifts is helpful in better defining the priority of program services in the community, and the related accountability to contributors may offset sensitivity to customer needs.

The City Manager has asked staff to report charitable gifts which have not required any financial commitment of the City, other than previously-approved program budgets. This initial report took longer to present than future reports will, due to efforts to provide an acceptable format for City Council review. Future reports will be provided within approximately 45 days of the end of the report period.