

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-440
AUGUST 25, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
GREENWOOD PARK MAINTENANCE YARD	RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE	DONALD TRIPP PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

On August 19, 1997, at 7:00 P.M., Horticulture Manager Matt Rosen, Botanical Center Horticulturist Joe Oppe, Senior Horticulture Technician Al Morano, and Park Planner Larry Edris met with a group of Greenwood Park neighbors, including Dennis Hogan, Jane Hemminger and Joe Young, regarding concerns the neighbors had with the appearance and landscaping of the maintenance yard in Greenwood Park. Staff agreed to the following items as the result of the exchange between staff and the neighbors:

1. Plant 12-16 evergreen trees on top of the wall on the west side of the yard to help screen the facility during the winter months when the deciduous woods are leafless.
2. Plant between 7-10 trees in the green area beneath the wall.
3. Remove the small graveled area to the left of the wall and seed with grass.
4. Install two posts with a chain across the area mentioned in Item 3 to prevent vehicle access.
5. Clean up the yard and remove unwanted debris (i.e., broken trailer, scrap metal, etc.)
6. Store the tires on the east side of the maintenance building.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, staff and the neighbors agreed that the above items would be completed by October 1, 1997.

Staff also showed the neighbors the site of a new storage building to be constructed later this summer. It was agreed that evergreen trees would be planted behind the building.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None. The City has all of the trees to be planted on the site growing in its nursery.

RECOMMENDATION —

Receive and file.

BACKGROUND —

At the August 17, 1997 Council meeting, by Roll Call Number 97-2896, the Mayor and Council requested that staff meet with a group of neighbors from the Greenwood Park area and work out an action plan that would both address the concerns of the neighbors and needs of the City as they relate to the appearance of the maintenance yard located in Greenwood Park.