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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-454

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

AGENDA:

AUGUST 20, 2001

SYNOPSIS -

Due to a high demand for the recreational space, a contract to complete Gray's Lake Resource Center improvements and signage throughout the park is proposed in order to assure utilization in 2002.

SUBJECT:

AUTHORIZATION
TO BID FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF
GRAY'S LAKE
RESOURCE CENTER

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for a base bid of \$656,100 (\$598,900 to complete the Resource Center and \$57,200 for park signage) has been identified through using available Gray's Lake Capital Improvement funds and deferring other Park projects until FY 2002-2003. Staff will prepare an amendment to the FY 2002-2003 Capital Improvement Program to replace the funds to these deferred projects through use of funds currently budgeted for Gray's Lake.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The original Phase 1 Gray's Lake improvements did not anticipate completion of the Resource Center Master Plan and signage throughout the park. The plan for the Resource Center area includes a marine rental facility, restrooms, concession stand, observation deck, plaza, parking lot and boat dock and trail. During fundraising, a group of donors led by Oaks Development Corporation and Regency Builders expressed support to attempt to have these improvements donated through contributions of labor and materials. These efforts have significantly completed these improvements, but some work is left and donations have slowed.

The public's response to Gray's Lake has been extraordinary, and there is a high demand for the additional amenities and recreational

space that will be provided in the southwest corner. The bid documents presented will complete this area to a level that will allow building use after December 1, 2001, and use of the plaza and parking lot by May 1, 2002. The trail was previously opened for use in 2000.

The City is very appreciative of the very significant contributions of Regency Builders, Oaks Development Corporation, local contractors and multiple Trade Unions to substantially complete the southwest corner.
