


# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>23-393</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 21, 2023</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>22</b>	Roll Call:	<b>23-1180</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) grant funding application seeking \$300,000 for Gray's Lake Paddlecraft Marina Development.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of IDNR REAP grant funding application seeking \$300,000 for Gray's Lake Paddlecraft Marina Development.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$300,000 REAP grant program funding revenue if awarded toward an overall construction estimate of \$2,110,000.

Funding Source: Anticipated \$300,000 in REAP funding from IDNR and remaining funding from:

- \$880,000 - 2023-2024 CIP, Page 76, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140, GO Bonds
- \$800,000 - 2023-2024 CIP, Page 76, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- \$ 30,000 - Private Donation
- \$100,000 - Additional Yet-To-Be-Secured Private Foundation Funding

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for a \$300,000 grant for the Gray's Lake Paddlecraft Marina Development Project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when submitting the application. This includes the responsibility for project completion as outlined in the project proposal and any additional requirements which may be included in the subsequent grant agreement should a funding award be offered.
- The existing paddlecraft marina located at the southwest corner of Gray's Lake Park was not designed and constructed with the environmental resilience necessary for long-term, water-adjacent development. Over time this resulted in degrading conditions which were amplified by a mid-winter 2022 severe temperature increase that dislodged large masses of ice which stressed and severely damaged the dockage, gangways, and upper deck. Multiple gangways were crumpled, fixed hinges were torqued, and foundations were deeply undermined. Two (2) gangways and their

associated dockage had to be completely removed as they were unrepairable. The central gangway and dockage have received multiple short-term repairs to keep them open and in operation until the new marina is developed, but their ongoing serviceability is declining.

- The degraded condition and reduced availability of the existing paddlecraft marina due to ongoing repairs resulted in significantly reduced paddlecraft rental revenue. In 2021, 9,195 rentals resulted in \$85,926 in revenue. In 2022, 6,318 rentals resulted in \$54,339, a year-to-year reduction of 2,877 rentals and \$31,587 in revenue.
- The Gray's Lake Paddlecraft Marina Development Project includes but is not limited to the removal of the existing damaged and degraded existing paddlecraft marina and the construction of multiple new features including an upland bypass trail, elevation adjustments to the Kruidenier Trail, entry drive and parking pavement repairs, an upland viewing deck and floodable storage for additional paddlecraft, ADA-compliant ingress and egress pathways, paddlecraft dockage and the associated gangway, and shoreline improvements to include reshaping, field stone armoring, and native vegetation.
- The proposed improvements will leverage modern design practices for water-adjacent development and as a result are expected to greatly improve flood resiliency, improve working conditions for dock attendant staff, and improve the efficiency of the paddlecraft marina operations overall.
- The City will make a concerted effort to procure goods and services from Targeted Small Businesses (TSBs) during the performance of the grant agreement.
- If all funding being pursued is awarded, the project is anticipated to bid in December 2023 pending City Council approval.



Damage from 2021-2022 Winter Season



3D Model Rendering of Proposed Paddlecraft Marina Development

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Grant award acceptance agreement(s), ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approve contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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