


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of operation and maintenance agreement between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Metro Disc Golf Club (DMMDGC) for Des Moines Disc Golf Courses.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of operation and maintenance agreement between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Metro Disc Golf Club for DMMDGC. The DMMDGC and the City desire the DMMDGC to be involved in the communication, maintenance, course modifications, and operations of the Courses for the purpose of showcasing these recreational facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Parks and Recreation Department is charged with the responsibility of providing recreational activities, including disc golf courses, within the City of Des Moines and specifically at Grandview Park, Pete Crivaro Park, Prospect Park, and Ewing Park.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has had a long-standing relationship with DMMDGC. Formalizing the relationship via this agreement reflects advancements of the department and is consistent with our goal of continuous improvement. The agreement clarifies the division of responsibilities and expectations of both the City and DMMDGC.
- The agreement's initial term will run through December 31, 2026, and may be renewed for one (1) additional three (3)-year term. The City may terminate the agreement if DMMDGC fails to maintain the courses to the standard agreed to, ensure safety of the public, and/or otherwise does not comply with the agreement.
- City of Des Moines will:
 - Maintain the parks that contain disc golf courses consistent with the manner in which it maintains other similar parks.
 - Strive to aid in the coordination of projects as well as use of equipment, land, and machinery for the described purpose, when possible.
 - Design the signage placed in disc golf areas.

- Temporarily close courses during wet conditions and address park infrastructure and improvements. This may include removing baskets to eliminate erosion issues, allow for seeding, and mitigate other issues. The City will coordinate planned improvements with DMMDGC.
- DMMDGC will:
 - Provide a list of updated information on active board members, course liaisons, and date/time of board meetings.
 - Provide insight into current course conditions and areas that require attention.
 - Provide public programming in conjunction with the City. Fees will be waived for such events if terms of the agreement are maintained.
 - Be responsible for the payment and placement of new signage at areas approved by the City.
 - Be responsible for baskets, tee pads, and signs should they be damaged due to weather-related events and/or vandalism.
 - Purchase and provide supplies, materials, and volunteers to improve the course, per City standards. DMMDGC will secure the site reasonable under the circumstances during work and communicate course modifications for approval prior to executing the work.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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