


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of operation agreement between City of Des Moines and Central Iowa Ultimate, Inc. (CIU) for the recreation ultimate frisbee program.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of operation agreement with CIU for the purpose of expanding access to adult recreation. The Parks and Recreation Department will add new leagues and divisions to their catalog of activities and CIU will assist with promoting the leagues, creating, and implementing new rules and growing the base of participants in central Iowa.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- CIU has been renting fields in the spring and fall at James W. Cownie Soccer Park since 2021 to host their adult ultimate frisbee league. CIU has also rented the fields to host tournaments that bring visitors into the City. The popularity of the sport has grown beyond their capacity to host both their leagues and tournaments.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has been programming adult ultimate frisbee leagues since 2018. The summer league has been growing annually, culminating in our largest summer league in 2023 with over 150 individual registrations. The partnership with CIU will allow Parks and Recreation to offer additional leagues in the spring and summer.
- The CIU board is 100% volunteer based. Their goal is to grow and foster the game of ultimate frisbee in central Iowa and throughout the state.
- Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will:
 - Assist CIU in meeting their goal of growing the sport, as well as provide more adult programming for the City by coordinating registration through Parks and Recreation Department's registration system.
 - Reserve space at Cownie Soccer Park and schedule all games.
 - Track all scores.

- CIU will contribute to the City's Ultimate Frisbee program growth and quality by:
 - Dividing registrants into equally skilled teams based on their criteria.
 - Providing guidance for league rule changes and updates.
 - Promoting our leagues to their membership base in spring, summer, and fall.
 - Providing appropriately trained and qualified volunteers and/or staff for operations and programming.
- The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution by both parties and shall continue until December 31, 2026. It may be renewed for one (1) additional three (3) year term.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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