


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving agreement between the Waukee Community School District Aspiring Professional Experience (APEX) regarding student volunteers and the City of Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommends approval of an agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Waukee Community School District program APEX, which is a collaboration between education, business, and the community to develop highly skilled, adaptable, global innovators and leaders. Students from APEX would volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Department on jointly identified projects.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Waukee Community School District program APEX approached the Parks and Recreation Department. Students within this program look to volunteer for real world projects that could further their educational progress.
- Students participate in APEX programs through passion-based learning, authentic projects, and experiences. Students add value to business partners, such as the City of Des Moines, while exploring career possibilities identified by economic trends within the metro area and state.
- This agreement formalizes the relationship with the Parks and Recreation Department allowing students to volunteer independently during the school day.
- Projects will be identified by working with individual students and with larger groups to the mutual benefit of the students and the Parks and Recreation Department. Projects could include volunteering for recreation based programs, marketing events and programs, developing marketing materials, inventorying park and recreation assets, developing health based programs to increase park use, and graphic design for new trail location and emergency signage.
- The agreement holds the Waukee Community School District as being overall responsible for the students and liable for any damages.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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