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organizations wishing to get more information on the Friends should call 287-2700, they would be happy to present to their organization. Last year they provided \$2,500 for swim program, and currently \$15,000 in treasury to disperse for various projects.

IV. REPORT OF PARK AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

- **City Hall Elevator Repair**
From late April until early June, the elevator is being replaced. Council Chambers access will be limited. Citizens, who are unable to reach the second floor, will be able to view the meetings in a conference room and communicate by phone.
- **Gray's Lake Beach Study**
Embarked on a study and looking at options to make improvements at Gray's Lake beach. Looking at stabilizing the beach lake bottom.
- **Joint Council Meeting**
Established a couple dates of June 24 and July 15 for joint meetings for facility tours starting at noon. A joint meeting will also be scheduled in the spring to talk about issues. Requested board members to e-mail any conflict dates on their calendars.
- **Citizen Golf Committee**
Staff recommends that the citizen golf committee needs to continue dialog between the committee and the contractor. Carol George and Dick Thornton will continue to serve on the committee.
- **Committee By-laws**
We have four committees - cemetery, golf, trails, and urban conservation. Staff will review the by-laws to make amendments. The board will then be asked to update the by-laws.
- **Bicycle Rentals**
Doug Romig, Recreation Manager, talked with Rink Management Services, to ascertain their interest to continue in bike rentals. They did not wish to continue. The spring/summer programs will not be utilized this year; it is not financially viable for them at this time. The City is in the process of obtaining requests for interest. Will report back at the next meeting. They will need to submit the pricing for the board to approve. A new contract negotiated with Rink Management is only during the skating season. The off-season programs lost money. Galloway asked if Bicycle Cooperative is on the mailing list to get this proposal.

Scavo volunteered to serve as liaison to the zoo.

Galloway distributed the Drake Observatory schedule.

FOR BOARD ACTION

#09-013

Aquatic Schedule

Tripp advised this comes to board annually to approve aquatic season.

Jensen suggested that signage be provided on private rentals for pools and wading pools. Doug Romig, Recreation Manager, advised this has been discussed and will be implemented this season. Weekend hours for novelty pools are 12-4 with the availability of private rentals either in morning or evening.

Motion by Jensen to approve aquatic schedule

Seconded by Koenig-VandeHaar

Motion carried

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RECEIVE AND FILE

#09-014

2009 Swim Season/Swim Lessons Program

John Hagener, Park Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint on the history, lifeguard and safety training, pool attendance, and pool season. The goal this year is to serve 1,200 people for swim lessons - last year we served 890 and assisted 78 of those participants thanks to the Friends of Des Moines Parks. Hagener provided an overview of the new programs offered this year.

Jensen asked about the instructor course fee. Jensen asked if there are scholarship opportunities. Hagener advised that the \$150 water safety instructor course, if participants are hired and teach full-time, they are reimbursed \$100. Hagener advised that the City will work with the lifeguard to assist in payment of the fee.

Motion by Jensen to receive and file report

Seconded by Koenig-VandeHaar

Motion carried

#09-015

2008 Urban Deer Hunt

Mike Gaul, Horticulture Inspector, presented a PowerPoint that provided goals, history, and process to add property on private and public property for the urban deer hunt.

Motion by Jensen to receive and file Urban Deer Hunt report

Seconded by Modersohn

Motion carried

#09-016

2009 Winter Games

Brian Becker, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2009 Winter Games. Becker did an overview of goals of games, new events, and highlights.

Motion by Noland to receive and file 2009 Winter Games presentation

Seconded by Jensen

Motion carried

Tripp stated more presentations will be presented.

REPORTS OF CHAIR OF BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Noland advised that the streetscape committee awarded \$25,000 to assist in neighborhood projects; they received requests of \$96,000 in projects. Awards went to Beaverdale master plan signage, Kingman planting, 44th & Harwood garden, special signage at South Park and Union Park.

Chen expressed frustration on writing of the grant proposals. Neighborhood Associations will be advised on how to better present material.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jensen to adjourn

Seconded by Chen

Motion carried