

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: GREEK WEEK 2014 REQUESTS**

**BACKGROUND:**

Again this year, the Greek Week Central Committee and the Office of Greek Affairs have requested that streets be closed periodically for activities as part of Greek Week. The closures would be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and would include Sunset Drive from just west of Beach to Ash Avenue, Ash Avenue from Gable Lane to Knapp Street, Gray Avenue from Gable Lane to Greeley Street, Greeley Street, Pearson Avenue from Sunset Avenue to Greeley Street, and Lynn Avenue from Chamberlain Street to Knapp Street. Lynn Avenue would be closed only until noon on Saturday to facilitate the Greek Olympics activities.

In addition, event organizers have requested that parking be prohibited on both sides of Gray Avenue, Greeley Street, portions of Pearson Avenue, portions of Lynn Avenue, and all of Sunset Drive from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29.

Several single family homes are located along the closed streets, and the organizers will notify the affected residents and the South Campus Area Neighborhood Association about the closures by canvassing the area and distributing a notification letter. There are no fireworks associated with this event.

Staff recommends that these requests be approved with the following stipulations:

- No alcohol shall be served or consumed on streets or other public property during the event.
- Organizers and participants will be responsible for picking up trash in the area during and at the conclusion of the event.
- Organizers will reimburse the City for any lost or damaged barricades.
- Food served and/or sold at private residences is the liability of the residence.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the request to close streets and enact temporary parking prohibitions for the 2014 Greek Week activities scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 28 - 29, 2014, subject to the above-listed stipulations.
2. Deny the requests.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Greek Week is an annual student-run event at Iowa State that highlights the fraternities and sororities and their contributions to student life. It is highly dependent upon City approval of street closures and parking prohibitions so that it may occur in a safe and smooth manner.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby approving the request to close streets and enact temporary parking prohibitions for the 2014 Greek Week activities, subject to the above-listed stipulations.