

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GREEK WEEK 2015 REQUESTS

BACKGROUND:

The Greek Week Committee and the Office of Greek Affairs have submitted plans to host Greek Week in March. To facilitate this event, organizers have requested closure of the following streets from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28: Sunset Drive; Ash Avenue from Gable Lane to Knapp Street; Gray Avenue from Gable Lane to Greeley; Greeley Street; Pearson Avenue from Sunset to Greeley; and Lynn Avenue from Chamberlain to Knapp. Lynn Avenue would be closed only until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday to facilitate the Greek Olympics activities.

To clear these streets of parked vehicles prior to the commencement of activities, event organizers have requested that parking be prohibited on both sides of the streets listed above from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, until each street has re-opened after the activities.

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. Insurance for this event is provided through the University.

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

- 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 2015 Greek Week activities scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, subject to the above-listed stipulations.
2. Deny the requests.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This annual student-run event at Iowa State highlights the fraternities and sororities and their contributions to student life. Greek Week 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 2015 Greek Week activities, subject to the stipulations listed above.