

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL REQUEST FROM MSCD FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ACTIVITIES**

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 13, 2008, the City Council approved street and parking lot closures to facilitate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festivities planned by the Main Street Cultural District (MSCD).

Approval has been granted for Parking Lot MM and the south portion of Parking Lot M to be closed for parade staging from 7:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.

Event organizers are now requesting that Parking Lot Q (near the Library) be closed from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. to provide parking for a portion of the 200 volunteers that are needed for the festivities. There are a total of 82 spaces available in Lot Q; however, 16 spaces are leased. The lessees would not be displaced during the parking lot closure, but would be allowed access/egress to and from the Lot.

Art Weeks, Ames Public Library Director, has been contacted about this request and advised that the parking lot closure would not create any hardship for the Library since it is closed on that day. Public Works will provide barricades and "No Parking" signs, as needed, to close the streets and control access to the parking lots. Organizers will be responsible for the replacement of any lost or damaged barricades.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can approve the request of the MSCD to close Parking Lot Q on July 4, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. The City Council can ask staff for further information or to make different arrangements.
3. The City Council can deny the request of the MSCD for closure of Parking Lot Q on July 4, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the requests of the MSCD to close Parking Lot Q on July 4, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in order to provide parking space for volunteers assisting with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Festival. The closure will provide no hardship for the City or the persons who have leased spaces in the Lot. No revenue will be lost since it is a holiday and parking enforcement is suspended on that day.