

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: GREEK WEEK 2010 REQUESTS

BACKGROUND:

Again this year, the Greek Week Central Committee has requested that streets be closed for activities in observance of Greek Week. The closures would be around the "Sorority Circle Triangle" and 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; Greeley Street; Pearson Avenue, from Sunset to Greeley; and Lynn Avenue, from Chamberlain to Knapp. Lynn Avenue would be closed only on Saturday, April 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., to facilitate the Greek Olympics activities. All of the other street closures will be on April 10, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

Several residential homes are located along the closed streets, and the organizers have notified the affected residents and the South Campus Area Neighborhood Association about the closures.

Staff is recommending 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.
- Greek Week organizers or participating organizations 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 ruined or stolen City-owned barricades.
- A Temporary Obstruction Permit will be obtained for placement of tables, trash cans, tents, or other items on public property.
- Food served and/or sold at private residences becomes the liability of the residence.

Public Works staff will drop off the appropriate barricades on Friday, April 9, at the Farm House Fraternity, 311 Ash Avenue, where they will be stored until needed and put in place by event organizers.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to close streets and enact temporary parking prohibitions for the 2010 Greek Week activities scheduled for Saturday, April 10, subject to the above-listed stipulations.
2. Deny the request.

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 assistance through the allowance 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 2010 Greek Week activities scheduled on Saturday, April 10, 2010, subject to the above-listed stipulations.



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Please be aware that the Greek Community will be holding its annual Greek Week activities in the residential Greek Community, beginning on April 9th until April 11th. We would like to remind everyone that in order for the activities to be safe and successful, we need the cooperation from all in the community.

Greek Week will be kicking off in the Greek Community on Friday, April 9th. High School Seniors and future Iowa State students will be arriving and staying at chapter houses in the Greek Community. They will be arriving Friday afternoon and attending block parties at several locations around the area that evening.

The next morning will be full of activity with the annual Greek Olympics. Greek Olympics will start on April 10th at 7:00 AM and run til 5:00 PM. Many of the Olympic events will cause participants and fans to be in the streets; therefore, requiring the closure of Gray, Greeley, Sunset, and Pearson from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We will have students monitoring barricades, and we ask that all trying to drive through are respectful and courteous to our volunteers. We encourage you and your families to watch the excitement!

We would like to thank everyone for your patience and consideration during Greek Week 2010. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us.

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