

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST FROM AMOS TO FUND SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

BACKGROUND:

The Mayor and City Council has received a request from AMOS for \$268 to support their *Toward Sustainability II* workshops for the following items:

\$31.00	to Angie Tagtow to offset expenses for her presentation Oct 4
32.00	for printing 500 brochures that promote and explain the Oct. 23 workshop
15.00	to reimburse Mary Jean Baker for refreshments for the workshop.
190.00	for printing 200 more copies of <i>Ames, Be Cool Action Guide</i>
\$268.00	Total Request From AMOS

In keeping with the goal of Going Green, the City Council appropriated \$20,000 to help fund various public educational efforts regarding the sustainability. Rather than expecting City staff members to coordinate this type of activity, it was felt that reimbursing outside organizations for initiating these public educational activities would be more cost-effective. To date, \$3,471.29 have been spent from the original appropriation to fund the first public sustainability workshop by AMOS.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request from AMOS for \$268 to help fund the various expenditures reflected above for the *Toward Sustainability II* workshops.
2. Deny the request from AMOS for \$268 to help fund the various expenditures reflected above for the *Toward Sustainability II* workshops.
3. Approve the request from AMOS to help fund an amount different than requested by AMOS.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A review of the attached brochure indicates that the request from AMOS is consistent with the City Council's goal to "Go Green" as well as the purpose for which City funds were originally appropriated. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative #1 and authorized an expenditure of \$268 to help fund the various expenditures reflected above for the *Toward Sustainability II* workshops.

821 Tennyson Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50014
September 23, 2010

Mayor Ann Campbell and Council
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010

Mayor Campbell and Council:

Ames Public Library and A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) are hosting a series of four events called *Toward Sustainability II*. (See the accompanying announcement.) In addition we continue to make available copies of *Ames, Be Cool Action Guides* at the library and at educational events sponsored or approved by the Environmental Research Team of AMOS.

We would like to invite the city to co-sponsor the October events. So far the library has shouldered expenses related to the presentations. AMOS' "sponsorship" is limited to organizing and making arrangements. Therefore, we request that the council authorize the expenditure of monies from the line item for promoting sustainability as follows:

\$ 31.00 to Angie Tagtow to offset expenses for her presentation Oct 4
32.00 for printing 500 brochures that promote and explain the Oct. 23 workshop
15.00 (up to \$15.00) to reimburse Mary Jean Baker for refreshments for the workshop.
190.00 for printing 200 more copies of *Ames, Be Cool Action Guide*
\$268.00

Respectfully,

Allan and Mary Jean Baker
Coordinators, Environmental Research Team
A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy

Toward Sustainability II

A series sponsored by
AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)
and Ames Public Library

in the Library's Farwell T. Brown Auditorium, 515 Douglas Avenue

Addressing Global Climate Change

Monday, September 20 at 7 PM

How can we avoid the unmanageable and manage the unavoidable changes in climate? Professor Gene Takle, Director of ISU's Climate Science Program, will discuss these challenges to society.

Sustainable Design – Building with the Environment

Monday, September 27 at 7 PM

Kevin Nordmeyer, architect and Director of the Iowa Energy Center, will look at the process of design. Methods and examples will help us learn how to improve our spaces.

Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters

Monday, October 4 at 7 PM

Explore the soil-to-health connection with Angie Tagtow, registered dietitian and food activist. This interactive session will help you support a healthy, green, and fair food system.

Workshop on Planning for Sustainable Communities

Saturday, October 23, 9 AM – Noon

What is sustainability? What does it look like in other communities? What can we do? Join leaders of active sustainability programs for an interactive morning of learning.