

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO USE CITY HALL FOR A DRUG DROP-OFF SITE

BACKGROUND:

The Story County Prevention Policy Board has requested the use of the Ames City Hall for a community Drug Drop-Off site on November 13, 2010. This event has been held previously on August 1, 2009. The intent is to allow community members to safely and confidentially dispose of over-the-counter and prescription medications. Previous events have been popular with citizens.

By disposing of medications in this manner, drugs are kept out of the water supply and away from illicit users.

Actual hours for the event will be approximately 9 a.m. to 12 noon. on November 13, 2010. Staff recommends that the west access to the building be available for the drop-off from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. to cover possible set-up and tear down activities. Youth and Shelter Services, the sponsor of the Story County Prevention Policy Board, will provide an insurance certificate for the event. The Police Department will provide supervision of the collection and disposal under guidelines provided by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The drugs will be disposed of at the Resource Recovery Plant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve the request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board for the use of City Hall as a drug drop-off site on November 13, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. The City Council may deny the request and recommend that the Story County Prevention Policy Board seek another location.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The community benefits from the safe disposal of excess or out-of-date medications. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1 and approve the request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board for the use of City Hall as a drug drop-off site.