

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF CHAMBERLAIN LOT Y FOR 1st ANNUAL
CAMPUSTOWN CLEAN-UP**

BACKGROUND:

An ISU student has organized the 1st Annual Campustown Clean-Up event for April 22. Over 100 confirmed volunteers will pick up trash and sweep the cigarette butts from the streets and sidewalks. The event coordinator wants to create not only an opportunity to beautify the Ames Campustown area, but also a light, energetic mood for the entire event. To this end, the student has booked the Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer to begin during the event and stay open into the evening. The volunteers, as well as local business owners and SCAN neighborhood representatives, will be invited to attend. The cleanup is scheduled from 4 PM to 8 PM, with the Street 'N' Greet Block Party Trailer will be set up from 5 PM – 10 PM. It is anticipated that there will be ongoing business specials or donations of "thank you" momentos (to be finalized).

Organizer Charles Nelson is requesting the following support from the City Council:

1. Closure of Chamberlain Lot Y from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., April 22nd
2. Waiver of parking meter fees and enforcement for Chamberlain Lot Y from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., April 22nd

This closure and fee waiver would amount to an approximate loss of \$15 to the City's Parking Fund.

T-Galaxy, which is adjacent to the lot, has been contacted regarding the anticipated closure for the event and was positive and supportive.

This event is also being supported by the Campustown Action Association. Members are interested in the Clean-Up event and will be working with students and donating items (exact items to be determined) to volunteers as a "thank you".

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requests to close Chamberlain Lot Y and waive parking meter fees and enforcement in same from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., April 22, 2011.
2. Deny the requests and refer city staff for other arrangements.

MANAGER’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This event will hopefully start a tradition of annual Campustown cleaning and beautification. The event will also foster stronger relationships between enterprising ISU students, local business owners, and adjacent neighbors.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby closing Chamberlain Lot Y and waiving parking meter fees for the evening of the April 22, 2011 event from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.