ITEM # <u>34 a&b</u> DATE: 04-12-11

## **COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: ONE COMMUNITY EVENT** 

## **BACKGROUND:**

Since 2008, the City has join with the Government of the Student Body (GSB) to cosponsor an annual "One Community Event". This event is held at Fire Station #2 near the end of the ISU academic year to wish students well and thank them for a successful year. In the past, the event has entailed the City providing pizza, water, and entertainment for the students. The City Council has allocated \$1,550 in funding for this year's event.

This year staff has worked with GSB to create a stronger identity and purpose for the One Community Event. The event now calls for a small resource fair to be held on Chamberlain Street with information tables and activities provided by community organizations, City departments, and campus clubs. A live band will provide music at the start and end of the event. Between those two sets, City staff will give brief presentations on topics such as refuse disposal during the July-August move-out period and signing up for CodeRed. Campus organizations will provide dancing and singing demonstrations, and community organizations will provide information on how to get involved in activities off campus during the summer.

The event will take place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Much like the Welcome Back Event, this will require the closing of Chamberlain Street from Stanton Avenue to Welch Avenue from 5:00 PM until approximately 8:00 PM. The Council is being asked to suspend parking at a total of 31 metered spaces from 2:00 PM until the end of metering hours at 6:00 PM., which would result in a loss of approximately \$107 to the parking fund. In addition, the event organizers are requesting access to the electrical outlets in Lot Y at no cost.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

- Approve the closure of Chamberlain Street from Stanton Avenue to Welch Avenue and Lot Y for the duration of the One Community Event, and suspend parking at 31 meters in Lot Y and on Chamberlain, waiving parking meter fees and electrical outlet access fees.
- 2. Do not approve the event.

## **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The One Community Event provides a way for students to become more involved with the community during the summer months. The event this year will provide a variety of resources for students to learn about the many opportunities available to them.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving street closures and fee waivers for the One Community Event.