

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: USE OF CITY HALL AS 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 October 29, 2011. This event was held previously on November 13, 2010. 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 from approximately 9 a.m. to 12 noon on October 29, 2011. 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 October 29, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. The City Council may deny the request and ask the Story County Prevention Policy Board to seek another location.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The community benefits from having a safe place to dispose of excess or out-of-date medications, and this event has historically provided a useful time for community members to do so.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the request from the Story County Prevention Policy Board for the use of City Hall as a drug drop-off site.