

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO WAIVE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PROHIBITION IN ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK TO PROVIDE TOURS TO MOBILITY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS**

BACKGROUND:

Each September from 2004 through 2011, members of the local Moose Lodge provided golf cart rides around Ada Hayden Heritage Park for older adults with mobility impairment. Lodge members determined that if they did not provide this service, those individuals might never get to experience the overall beauty of this 437-acre site.

The Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park now desire to provide this valuable service to individuals with mobility impairments. They are proposing to do this on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The Friends group will rent the golf carts, provide volunteers as drivers and interpreters, and provide the City with a certificate of insurance to cover liability. This activity will be promoted and reservations will be taken for various time slots.

This opportunity has been well received in the past. However, Section 19.9 of Municipal Code prohibits the use of motorized vehicles in public parks, except on streets and parking lots within the parks that are specifically designated for motor vehicle travel. Therefore, the Friends group is ask City Council to waive enforcement of this prohibition on the shared use paths in Ada Hayden Heritage Park for golf cart travel on Wednesday, September 14 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. In the event of inclement weather, Wednesday, September 21 has been designated as a rain date.

At its August meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended City Council approval of this request.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the request to waive enforcement of the prohibition of motor vehicle use on the shared-use paths of Ada Hayden Heritage Park for golf cart travel by the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 14 (Rain Date: Wednesday, September 21) at Ada Hayden Heritage Park.
2. Deny the request.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park are proposing to provide a tremendous service for members of our community that otherwise would not have the opportunity to tour this park in its entirety.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve Alternative No. 1 as stated above.