

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OVER THE EDGE FUNDRAISING EVENT

BACKGROUND:

The Boys and Girls Club of Story County is planning to host an event called “Over the Edge” at The Edge Building located at 2311 Chamberlain Street on the Friday of Homecoming Week, October 27, 2017. Over the Edge is a rappelling fundraiser that is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. Participants who fundraise a minimum of \$1,000 will be able to rappel down The Edge building. The event will include music, laser tag, food trucks, vehicle test drives, and special guest appearances. The event is expected to have approximately 100 participants, over 50 volunteers and staff, and others who come to watch the rappelling. Event coordinators expect between 200-400 people at the event throughout the day.

Organizers have requested the use of metered parking stalls along Chamberlain Street from Lynn Avenue to Stanton Avenue, metered parking stalls in Municipal Parking Lot Z, and closure of Chamberlain Street from Stanton Avenue to the entrance of Municipal Parking Lot Z in Campustown (see attached map). A blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit and suspension of parking regulations for the closed area are also requested.

The Boys and Girls Club has agreed to pay for the 57 affected metered stalls. Meters will be hooded in advance of the event to allow the public time to clear from those spaces; this would equate to \$128.25 for the day (\$0.25/hour/space for 9 hours). Access to the 26 reserved parking stalls located in Municipal Lot Z will be maintained during the event because these are under contract between the City and private citizens.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requests for the Over the Edge special event, including a blanket Temporary Obstruction Permit, closure of a portion of Chamberlain Street, suspension of parking regulations for the closed area, and closure of 57 metered parking stalls along Chamberlain Street and in Municipal Parking Lot Z.

Under this alternative, the Boys and Girls Club will pay the City for the use of the parking meters.

2. Do not approve the requests and ask the Over the Edge special event to contain their activities to private property.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The Over the Edge special event is expected to be an exciting and positive fundraising activity for the Ames community. It also adds to the number of family-friendly events that occur during ISU’s Homecoming week.

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

Attachment 1: Requested Closure Map

