

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **WAIVER OF MOTORIZED VEHICLE PROHIBITION IN ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK TO ALLOW MOBILITY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS TO TOUR THE ENTIRE PARK SITE**

BACKGROUND:

Each September from 2004 through 2011, members of the local Moose Lodge provided golf cart rides around Ada Hayden Heritage Park (AHHP) for older adults with mobility impairments. Lodge members determined that if they did not provide this service, these individuals may never get to experience the overall beauty of the 437 acre site. Please note that mobility impaired individuals can use motorized mobility devices (i.e. electric wheelchairs, motorized mobility scooters, etc.) on the trails, however, many individuals do not have this type of device that enables them to enjoy the park system.

In 2016 and 2017, the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park (Friends) provided this valuable service to individuals with mobility impairments and received many positive comments. As a result, the Friends are proposing to offer tours on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The Friends will rent golf carts, provide volunteers as drivers and interpreters, and provide the City with a Certificate of Insurance to cover liability. The Friends will promote the tours and take reservations for various time slots.

This opportunity has been well received in the past, however, Ordinance 19.9 restricts motorized vehicles to streets and parking lots. Therefore, the Friends are requesting City Council waive the enforcement of this Ordinance for these tours on Wednesday, September 12 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM at AHHP. In the event of inclement weather, they will use Friday, September 14 as a rain date.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is in favor of these tours and recommends City Council grant this waiver request.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Waive enforcement of Ordinance 19.9 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, as well as, Friday, September 14 if needed for a rain date, at Ada Hayden Heritage Park to allow the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park to provide golf cart tours to mobility impaired individuals.

2. Do not approve the request from the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park to provide golf cart tours to mobility impaired individuals.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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 City Manager's recommendation to approve Alternative #1 as stated above.