

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS FROM GOOD NEIGHBOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

**BACKGROUND:**

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (GNEA), located at 613 Clark Avenue, is requesting to host a kickoff event with a gathering on July 3, 2022 celebrating “25 Years in the Neighborhood”.

Although the event takes place mainly on private property, the event organizers are requesting the closure of Clark Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street for event activities. Clark Avenue is requested to close at 1:00 p.m. and re-open at 9:00 p.m. The scheduled event activities will take place between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Event organizers have secured the use of the Fareway Parking lot for temporary porta potty locations, parking and hopefully, a visit from the Ames Fire Department truck. Planned events taking place are a musician, Raising Readers storytelling, face painting and henna art, a magician, communal art project led by Susan Norris and various yard games.

Organizers expect approximately 200 attendees. Organizers have provided staff with an Emergency Safety Plan. A Noise Permit has also been requested from the Police Department. Staff has also been informed that no alcohol will be permitted at this event.

**Organizers report that they have discussed the event plans with Fareway and First Christian Church and have notified other affected neighbors by going door-to-door with event information.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the request from GNEA to close Clark Avenue from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street on July 3, 2022, as indicated above.
2. Do not approve the request.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This requested closure will facilitate an event on private property and Clark Avenue that is open to the public.

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