

ITEM #: 7
DATE: 07-23-24
DEPT: P&R

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WAIVE ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN ADA HAYDEN HERITAGE PARK

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. Although motorized mobility devices (e.g., electric wheelchairs, motorized mobility scooters, etc.) are permitted on the trails, many individuals do not have this type of device that enables them to enjoy the park system.

In 2016-2019 and 2021-2023, the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park (Friends) provided this valuable service to individuals with mobility impairments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the golf cart tours were not held in 2020. When the tours have been held, the Friends have received many positive comments. **As a result, the Friends are proposing to offer tours on Monday, September 9, 2024, 9:00 am - 7:30 pm, and Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 9:00 am - 3:00 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. Tours will be promoted and reservations will be taken for various time slots.**

Municipal Code Section 19.9 restricts motorized vehicles to streets and parking lots. Therefore, the Friends are requesting that the City Council waive enforcement of this ordinance on Monday, September 9 (9:00 am - 7:30 pm) and Tuesday, September 10 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) at AHHP. This request is attached. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed this request at its July 18, 2024 meeting and recommended City Council grant this waiver.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Waive enforcement of Section 19.9 of Municipal Code on Monday, September 9 (9:00 am - 7:30 pm) and Tuesday, September 10 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) at Ada Hayden Heritage Park to allow the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park to provide golf cart tours to mobility impaired individuals.
2. Deny the request.

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

ATTACHMENT(S):

[FAHHP Request for 2024 Mobility Tours.docx](#)