

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM BE FUNDED AND ASKING THE ADMINISTRATION TO REVISE CURRENT GUIDELINES TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

BY PRESIDENT REINERT:

RECITALS:

(a) Budget cuts have forced drastic reductions in youth and adult programming offered at community centers throughout Duluth by the city parks and recreation department;

(b) The city desires programming offered at community centers throughout Duluth to continue;

(c) The mayor has asked citizens and community club groups to partner with the city to offer youth and adult programming targeted for their neighborhoods;

(d) A grant program, which is currently unfunded, has been available to community clubs through the parks and recreation department;

(e) The Duluth City Council desires to fund the existing grant program to assist community clubs that wish to manage community centers and offer youth and adult services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth is hereby requested to fund the existing parks and recreation small grant program from some portion of city asset sales as they become available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city council hereby asks that city administration revise the current small grant program guidelines to provide that grants be made to community clubs for programming needs (e.g. hiring summer interns, reimbursing program expenses, purchasing supplies and reimbursing program

tuition) and not the purchase of assets, said guidelines to be submitted to the city council for approval.

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

COUNCIL REQUEST/ATTY RR/JC:cm 8/19/2008

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests that the existing parks and recreation small grant program be funded to assist community clubs in continuing youth and adult programming at community centers in Duluth and asks the administration to revise the current guidelines for approval by the council. The intent of the program is to provide grants for programming, such as hiring summer interns, reimbursing programming expenses, purchasing supplies and reimbursing program tuition.