

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2002

TITLE: Request for Use of Century Center by Movement Educators

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Resolution Attachment B – Letter and Associated Information from Movement Educators	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard E. Kinney 918-7381

PURPOSE

Movement Educators would like to hold a Feldenkrais Profession Training Program in North Carolina and have expressed a serious interest in use of the Century Center Hall. Because their request could not be met under guidelines, the Recreation and Parks Commission appointed a subcommittee to meet with the organizers to find a solution to their need. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board of Aldermen an opportunity to consider Movement Educators' request for use of the Century Center that would span a four-year commitment.

INFORMATION

The Commission subcommittee, in analyzing this request, determined that the request did not fall within the present guidelines and that the guidelines could not be reasonably changed to meet this request without becoming dysfunctional. The major problem is that Movement Educators needs a commitment for a four-year period beginning in February 2003 and ending in December 2006. The North American Training Accreditation Board for the Feldenkrais Guild, a worldwide organization, mandates specific standards and commitment of location for the entire training programs is one of those. The Commission considered the request as a special, one-time exception to the guidelines. Attachment B fully explains the request, schedule and information on Feldenkrais Guild training requirements. Movement Educators organizers have been very helpful in addressing concerns about storage, full payment of costs, and moving back ending times so as to not conflict with potential evening uses.

The schedule would utilize the Century Hall during weekday (before 5 p.m.) times that are not widely used at this time. It would draw participants from a national, possibly international, range and meet some of the Town's economic development goals. The full Recreation and Parks Commission on January 7, 2002 unanimously approved the following motion:

“Given that the request falls beyond the Century Center Reservation Guidelines as approved by the Board of Aldermen, and
Given that the request has significant merit and appears to meet many of the reasons underlying the investment in the Carrboro Century Center,
The Recreation and Parks Commission moves that the proposal for special use of the Carrboro Century Center for the Century Hall by Movement Educators be considered by the Board of Aldermen.”

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends approval of the following resolution, which provides for the approval of use by Movement Educators of the Carrboro Century Center Hall for the times as specified in the schedule under Attachment A.

