

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2003

TITLE: Recreation and Parks Commission Philosophy and Departmental Mission Statement

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: YES/ NO x
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Recreation and Parks Commission Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair-918-7381

PURPOSE

The Recreation and Parks Commission requests the Board of Aldermen to review and adopt the Recreation and Parks Commission's Philosophy and the Recreation and Parks Department's Mission Statement.

INFORMATION

The Recreation and Parks Department is in the process of reviewing procedures and departmental information. As part of this process, the Recreation and Parks Commission's Philosophy was updated for consideration. The Commission adopted the existing philosophy on March 6, 1978. The philosophy was written 25 years ago. Since that time the community has grown and changed. In this updated version the emphasis is placed on our diverse community and fundamental benefits of recreation. Educating the community is a goal of the Commission, Department, and National Recreation and Parks Association.

The Department also drafted a mission statement for review and adoption. Staff feels adopting a mission statement provides a clear direction and purpose. Community Input Sessions were conducted in the fall of 2001 and staff reviewed samples from across the country. Work on the new mission statement began but staff was asked to table it until a new director was hired.

On Monday, April 7, 2003, the Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed and approved a new philosophy and mission statement. (See attachment A)

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board consider the Recreation and Parks Commission's request and adopt the new Philosophy and Mission Statement.

