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MDA Boot Drive Request for City Council Agenda 2013-08-01

1 message

Gregg Mandsager <gmandsager@muscatineiowa.gov>
To: Fran Donelson <fdonelson@muscatineiowa.gov>

Mon, Jul 22, 2013 at 10:59 AM

Fran:

Tom Summitt has requested that the Fire Union's Boot Drive be moved to August 31 through September 2nd at the Muscatine Soccer Complex during the Muscatine Soccer Club's Fall Classic tournament.

The College Search Kickoff dates conflict with upcoming training and testing.

Thanks,
Gregg

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Brooke, Darren" <dbrooke@muscatineiowa.gov>
Subject: MDA Boot Drive Request for City Council Agenda 7-18-2013
Date: July 17, 2013 11:00:57 AM CDT
To: Gregg Mandsager <gmandsager@muscatineiowa.gov>

Gregg,

The Muscatine FireFighters Association Local #608 is requesting to be placed on the city council meeting agenda for Thursday July 18, 2013. We are requesting to use city property at the soccer complex (Parking lot area) during the College Scout soccer tournament for MDA Boot Drive fund raising. Thank you and will await hearing back from you.

Sincerely, Darren Brooke President Local #608 Muscatine FireFighters Association.

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Fwd: Firefighters MDA boot drive at the Fall Classic

1 message

Gregg Mandsager <gmandsager@muscatineiowa.gov>

Wed, Jul 24, 2013 at 1:09 PM

To: Fran Donelson <fdonelson@muscatineiowa.gov>

Fran:

Please include this with the Fire Union Boot Drive request.

Thanks,

Gregg

—— Forwarded message ——

From: **Muscatine Soccer Club** <muscatinesoccerclub@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 23, 2013 at 4:08 PM

Subject: Firefighters MDA boot drive at the Fall Classic

To: rklines@muscatineiowa.gov

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On Tue, Jul 23, 2013 at 3:52 PM, Muscatine Soccer Club <muscatinesoccerclub@gmail.com> wrote:

Rich,

Thank you for your call today. I have polled the soccer club board. We would like to make it clear that we have a great deal of respect for our local firefighters (and all of our local service people) and want to be supportive of their MDA drive.

With that said, we would prefer not to have the people who are already supporting our community approached right at the gate of our event. The gates of our tournament is the point where the experience really begins and should be the exciting moment as they begin the approach to a fantastic event at our world class fields.

We think everyone making this decision needs to understand that tournaments are expensive for families coming to our community. They support our local hotels, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores and community events already. As a board, we believe that asking them for more at a moment which should be fun and exciting would reflect negatively on the tournament, which would in turn reflect negatively on the Muscatine Soccer Club and the community of Muscatine as a whole.

It should also be noted that traditionally the MDA drive was supported by local community members driving through the community and this would now make people from elsewhere feel pressure at the gate to support a local charity drive. Another thing for the firefighters to consider when making their decision is that they will see the same people over and over for the days of our tournaments. We am not sure this is an ideal venue for their event.

However, I did state that we want to try to support our local firefighters if this is the direction we are asked to take. We feel that a good compromise if the City Council would like to offer up our fundraising event as a place

for another fundraiser to be hosted, we would ask that the firefighters be willing to be our parking attendants and in turn ask for donations at that point of contact rather than directly at the gates. We all know how difficult the parking situation at the complex is and how difficult it is to control so we might even consider a donation to their cause if they accept this offer of compromise.

We would also suggest that they conduct their fundraising at all of the softball and baseball entrances during their tournaments and maybe they would also give a donation. This might end up being a good way for them to make money if it does not make people from outside our community feel too uncomfortable to come here. We hope that the decision makers take into consideration that all of our local sporting events rely heavily on repeat business year after year. We just are not sure that soliciting them for more funds fosters a reason for them to return.

If the end result is that the firefighters are at our function and we receive negative feedback or lose our repeat customers, we would be sure to pass on such information. Would those notes come directly to you or should they be directed to the City Council members and the City Administrator?

We would like the opportunity to hear what is presented and decided so that we can prepare our event attendees similar to the notes you have seen about our speed cameras, parking etc so we would like to attend the Council meeting where this will be discussed. What was the date of that meeting again?

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to express our view of the situation and we look forward to hearing from you.

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*Thank you,
Megan Randoll, MSC President*

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