

**CITY OF INDIANOLA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Indianola does not currently have and needs a community recreational facility to accommodate the indoor recreational, fitness, and wellness needs for its citizens of all ages;

WHEREAS, many groups, organizations, and institutions in the Indianola community need additional indoor recreational facilities and activity programming space to accommodate the public demand;

WHEREAS, a community recreational facility would make the Indianola community more attractive to families and businesses, increase local revenues through hotel, gas, and restaurant purchases through a higher volume of tournaments and camps, and create additional economic development opportunities and improve the overall quality of life;

WHEREAS, most communities of similar size in the Greater Des Moines metro region already have community recreational facilities, putting the City of Indianola at a competitive disadvantage;

WHEREAS, many communities across the state and country have established successful community recreational facilities through a collaborative model that includes partnerships with cities, community schools, local colleges and universities, YMCAs, and/or other private groups to provide recreational, fitness, and wellness opportunities for the communities and schools;

WHEREAS, examples of successful collaborative community recreation projects include the Ankeny and Waukee school systems with the YMCA, Wartburg College and the City of Waverly, and Midland Lutheran College and the YMCA;

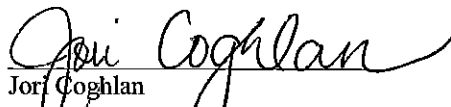
WHEREAS, a collaborative community partnership to establish a community recreational facility within the City of Indianola would result in fiscal, facility, and programmatic efficiencies and enhance the overall benefit for the community as a whole.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission strongly supports the continued collaborative efforts of the City of Indianola, Indianola Parks and Recreation Department, Indianola Community Schools, Simpson College, and other community partners, potentially including but not limited to the YMCA, to establish a community recreational facility in the City of Indianola.

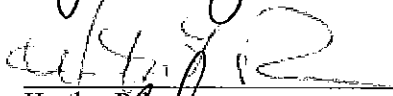
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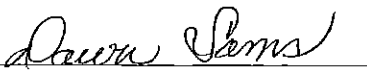
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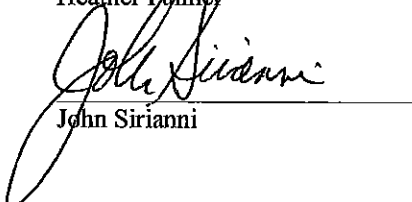

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