

DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC GIFT OF COMMUNICATION SPACE IN CITY CURRENTS TO THE DES MOINES LEGACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AQUATIC SCHOLARSHIPS, LIFEGUARD TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (“District”) is a municipal corporation organized under chapter 35.61 RCW, with authority to operate and promote recreational facilities and programs for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the District contracts with the City of Des Moines to include District communications in the City Currents publication, a community-wide communication tool distributed to residents; and

WHEREAS, the District has secured three (3) pages of communication space within City Currents for purposes of promoting District programs, services, and community benefit activities; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Legacy Foundation (“Foundation”) is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support community access to recreation, including scholarships for swim lessons, lifeguard certification training, and partnership support for grants that benefit the District and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation’s work directly advances the District’s mission by reducing financial barriers to participation, expanding access to water safety education, and supporting the development of a qualified aquatic workforce; and

WHEREAS, the District finds that allocating one-half (½) page of its contracted City Currents communication space to the Foundation will increase community awareness, philanthropic support, and participation in programs that directly benefit Mount Rainier Pool users and District services; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and fundraising through the Foundation supports District sustainability by:

1. Expanding access to swim lessons and water safety programs through scholarships;
2. Supporting lifeguard and swim instructor certification pathways;
3. Leveraging external funding through grants and donations to enhance District programming; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that providing this communication space constitutes a public gift of programming and outreach benefit, consistent with the District’s statutory authority under RCW 35.61.010 et seq. and is not a prohibited gift of public funds because it serves a clear public purpose and directly benefits the community and District programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT:

Section 1. Authorization.

The Board authorizes the allocation of one-half (1/2) page of the District’s contracted City Currents communication space to the Des Moines Legacy Foundation for purposes of promoting its mission, fundraising efforts, and community programs.

Section 2. Purpose.

The authorized communication space shall be used to:

- Promote scholarships that increase access to swim lessons and aquatic programs;
- Support recruitment and funding for lifeguard and swim instructor certification;
- Highlight partnerships and grant opportunities that benefit the District and community;
- Increase community awareness of opportunities to support equitable access to aquatic recreation.

Section 3. Conditions.

- (a) Content shall be coordinated with and approved by the District’s General Manager or designee to ensure alignment with District messaging and public purpose.
- (b) The District retains final editorial control over all published materials.
- (c) Use of space shall be limited to nonprofit, mission-aligned content that supports District-related community benefit.


Section 4. No Gift of Public Funds.

The Board finds that this authorization constitutes a valid public gift of outreach and programmatic benefit and does not violate constitutional or statutory prohibitions on gifts of public funds, as it directly advances the District’s mission, increases access to services, and provides measurable public benefit consistent with RCW 35.61.

Section 5. Implementation.


The District General Manager or designee is authorized to implement this Resolution and coordinate with the City of Des Moines and the Foundation to ensure timely and appropriate publication.

Adoption. ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT on the 28th day of April 2026 the following Commissioners being present and voting:

Signed by:

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 President Young

Signed by:

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 Clerk of the Board Campbell


Signed by:

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 Commissioner Dusenbury

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 Commissioner Fortine

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 Commissioner Stender

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