
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: Heather Brooks, Community Development Manager
SUBJECT: **River Access Agreement**
DATE: May 9, 2022

Background: Staff are analyzing a new route for the Rum River Canoe and Kayak Program for the 2022 season. Staff were made aware of concerns with last year's route as the end of the route has limited access to exit the watercrafts and the Rum River safely and efficiently. Paddle Bridge, the City's outfitter, recommended an easier ending point so that the program is more enjoyable for community members. A new route has been identified in which participants will meet at Riverside Park, be driven and dropped off at the Princeton Middle School, and ride the Rum River down to then end back at Riverside Park.

Analysis: A route ending at Riverside Park will allow participants to use the dock to exit watercrafts safely and will create an overall more enjoyable experience. An agreement will be in place with ISD 477 to access the Rum River from the Princeton Middle School grounds. The agreement will also be reviewed by ISD 477's contracted attorney and be brought to the school board for discussion.

Recommendation: Staff recommend the Council to vote in favor of approving the River Access Agreement with ISD 477 and sign the attached contract to allow a new Rum River Canoe/Kayak Program route.