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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Michelle Michels, Recreation Team Leader

Re: Request to escort a 1-day Senior Center trip to Chicago, IL

The Senior Center has been offering more day trips due to increased interest. We have been offering one day trip per month (usually avoiding January and February due to weather concerns). All of the trips have had enough participation so that we haven't had to cancel, many have been full with a wait list.

The Senior Center has had requests to do a one day or overnight trip to Chicago. To keep the price in a range to hopefully entice and allow more people to sign-up, we thought it would be best to offer this as a one-day trip in July this year. We would go to Navy Pier for some fun and to take a lunch boat cruise and then after that do a "Gangster Tour". Since Navy Pier is a busy place and keeping everyone in order to make sure they are on the boat and then the bus on the timeline we have, I'm requesting to go as a staff escort rather than sending a volunteer.

Trips have not only been creating revenue for special events, but also for Senior Center memberships as there is a discounted rate for Senior Center members.

Trips are an integral part of senior centers and recreation programs and activities. We have learned that sending a staff escort ensures the highest quality experience for the travelers. For these reasons, I would escort this trip and do my best to flex hours accordingly. Any other staffing expenses would be offset by the trip revenue.

Respectfully,

Michelle Michels

Recreation Team Leader