



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
March 25, 2021

Department Code Enforcement

Director Approval David Cowan

AGENDA ITEM Consider authorizing Independence Middle School (IMS) staff to paint mile markers on the public sidewalks around IMS for their Walk Across Kansas competition and other exercise opportunities.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION City Staff is recommending approval of sidewalk markings for IMS walk across Kansas competition.

BACKGROUND The City was contacted by Janice McBride, Kay Club Sponsor and Mathematics teacher at IMS, about a competition IMS is doing to walk across Kansas. They would like to mark distances around the perimeter of IMS (10th Street, Locust Street, 9th street, and Pine Street), so the kids can track their mileage as they exercise. They intend for this project to be included in several classes, not just the PE classes, and even citizens could take advantage of the markings as they exercise. The sidewalk markings will be made with paint and stencil on the sidewalk. Example below:



SUGGESTED MOTION I move to authorize IMS staff to paint markings on the sidewalk around IMS for their Walk across Kansas and other exercise opportunities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Request
2. Stencil design

From: [Janice McBride](#)
To: [Kelly Passauer](#)
Subject: IMS sidewalks
Date: Monday, March 08, 2021 10:51:58 AM

We keep getting crossed in our phone tag so I figured it may be easier to contact you via email.

The IMS KAY Club received a grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield to promote physical fitness. We are currently in a competition to walk across Kansas and we will also be conducting weekly mini competitions to keep the fitness trend going.

I asked Mark Hayward, IMS Principal, if we could measure and paint distance markers on the sidewalk (similar to the "mall walker" markers you see in the malls) to promote the walking. He said we needed to clear this with the City. We would like to mark off the distances around the perimeter of IMS (10th St., Locust St., 9th St., and Pine St.). Our 7th science department wants to incorporate this into their measurement curriculum and do the actual painting for us.

We see this being utilized by several classes, not just the PE classes. We envision local citizens taking advantage of this as well.

Please let me know if this is something we would be allowed to do. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Mathematics, Grade 7; Leadership, Grade 8
KAY Club Sponsor, MathCounts Sponsor

From: [Janice McBride](#)
To: [David Cowan](#)
Subject: Re: City of Independence
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:12:05 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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We are actually just wanting to mark the distances using stencil and paint, similar to what's shown below. What time on the 25th will you be meeting? I should be able to join via zoom if needed. Thank you.



On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 1:48 PM David Cowan <davidc@independenceks.gov> wrote:

Hi Janice,

Your project has been assigned to me to obtain approval. I will need a visual to show the commission. I put a couple of examples together, if you could provide me an example of what you plan on marking the sidewalk with and if it is permanent marking or not. I will then put together and RCA "Recommendation for Commission Action" to present to the commission. I believe you provided me enough background. I will send the "RCA" to you for review and would you be available, if needed on the 25th to answer any commissioner questions?

Thanks,
David Cowan



David J. Cowan

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