MEMORUNDUM

To: Dyersville City Council Mayor and Members

Cc: City Administrator

From: Mike Murphy M

Date; September 1, 2024

Re: City Bike Ride Share Program

During the council's discussion and consideration of the Proposed Bike Share Program at the last council meeting following my request to include a unit (bike) that would serve the disability, I fear the council and administration has greatly overblown the extent and cost that would be needed to provide access to this program for the disabled.

Comments such as needing upward of 10 highly priced bikes with batteries, along with battery charging stations and the workforce to make sure batteries are charged and bikes repaired as well as no budget for any of this were mentioned as reasons not to proceed at this time.

The last item I wanted to present at the meeting was a simple and comparatively inexpensive approach. Hugely expensive battery assist bikes are not the avenue to take.

Instead, <u>one (1) three-wheel, dual seat non-motorized recumbent bike</u> (not ten bikes) would solve everything. A dual seat bike allows an able body individual to provide a ride with a disabled companion no matter what the disability is. The 3-wheel recumbent bike provides a stable and comfortable ride for both individuals.

The able body rider steers and pedals. Most of these bikes allow the second individual to pedal only if they desire. This way the disabled individual shares the same companionship and group experience that everyone else enjoys.

I have attached images of three types of incumbent bikes. One is side by side with the individuals sitting up: another shows two riders front and back; the third picture is two individual recumbent bikes that have a conversion kit allowing them to be connected.

All three types of bikes I have included cost less than \$3,000.00 and the side by side is only \$2,400.00. Certainly, this cost can be placed into next year's budget.

The bike Share Program offers visitors a fun and unique way to experience Dyersville. The dual bikes would also be available to all riders, and I am sure they would prove immensely popular.

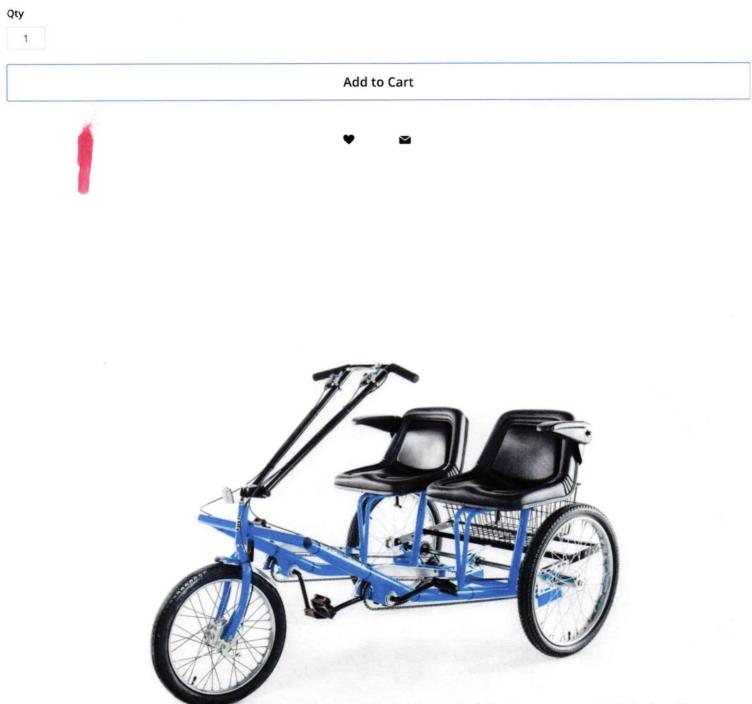


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