

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 81

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-444  
SEPTEMBER 8, 1997 AGENDA

| SUBJECT:   | TYPE:                                     | SUBMITTED BY:  |
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| APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH<br>UNITED WAY FOR HOUSING<br>PROJECT DONATION | ◆ RESOLUTION<br>ORDINANCE<br>RECEIVE/FILE | MICHAEL MATTHES<br>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT<br>TO THE CITY MANAGER |

**SYNOPSIS —**

Resolution approving agreement between City of Des Moines, Iowa and United Way of Central Iowa for program to provide affordable single-family, owner-occupied housing in the Capitolview South neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

\$25,000, \$12,500 each year for two years.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Approval.

**BACKGROUND —**

The Clarke Companies have agreed to build a new single-family home to be donated to the United Way of Central Iowa, who will provide the home to a deserving family who might otherwise never have the opportunity of home ownership. The United Way will provide home ownership counseling to the receiving family for 10 years, during which time, the family will learn about being a good neighbor and the responsibilities of home ownership.

The City has been asked to pay for all building permit fees and to reimburse The Clarke Companies for the cost of public improvements required within the street right-of-way (sewer and water stub-ins to the property line, public sidewalks, driveway approach to the property line, and street landscaping). Polk County has been asked to assist by cleaning up the lots and trimming some of the beautiful old trees. The Clarke Companies have established the goal of transmitting the home on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1997.

The City has assisted The Clarke Companies in locating property suitable for this project. Six lots located on SE 9th Street were identified. Two City-owned lots were sold to The Clarke Companies, and construction has begun on the first of the two homes.