

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-592
DECEMBER 8, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**AGREEMENT FOR HISTORIC
DOCUMENTATION SERVICES–
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY**

SUBMITTED BY:

**HAROLD SMITH
CITY ENGINEER**

SYNOPSIS –

The Agreement with William C. Page, Public Historian, provides for historic documentation of the following properties in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Project:

113 SW 8th Street, 934-936 - 19th Street, 924-926 - 19th Street, 940 - 19th Street, 944 - 19th Street, 950 - 19th Street, 954 - 19th Street, 1936 Crocker, 835 M.L. King, Jr. Parkway, 855 M.L. King, Jr. Parkway, 2005 Leyner, 2008 Leyner, 1905-1907 Cottage Grove, and 1909 Cottage Grove.

The Agreement requires the consultant to document these properties in accordance with the Iowa Historic Properties Standards, and submit them to the State Historical Society of Iowa for their acceptance. Compensation to the consultant for services under this Agreement shall be a lump sum of \$18,500.

FISCAL IMPACT –

Funds for this Agreement are available in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), Account 383943, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. Transfer from Account 389247, Douglas Avenue Widening– M.L. King, Jr. Parkway to Lower Beaver Road, Page 286, 97/98 CIP. The reason this transfer is necessary is that the only local funds in Account 393943 are Tax Increment, and these properties are not in the Tax Increment District.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of Agreement with William C. Page, Public Historian.

BACKGROUND –

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Project, properties were identified as historically or architecturally significant. A Memorandum of Agreement was developed for these historically and architecturally significant properties that outlined photographic documentation and historic research of the properties as one form of mitigation.

The Memorandum of Agreement for Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway was originally signed in 1987. Since that time, a number of the properties identified in the Memorandum of Agreement have been demolished, mostly through private action. The State Historical Society and Federal Highway Administration are concerned that more properties may be demolished before they are documented. They have requested that the City of Des Moines proceed with the documentation requirements at this time, before some of the properties are purchased.