

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 98-042
FEBRUARY 9, 1998 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**STRUCTURE REMOVAL CONTRACT–
835 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARKWAY
TO TIMELIS RESTORATIONS**

SUBMITTED BY:

**JAMES GRANT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
HAROLD SMITH, CITY ENGINEER**

SYNOPSIS –

On August 4, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2725, the City purchased 835 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as right-of-way for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. The property is located south of the freeway and across from Woodland Cemetery. The Engineering and Community Development Departments have worked with the State Historic Society of Iowa to develop a moving plan for this house. This was a requirement of the Memorandum of Agreement affecting historic properties developed as a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

FISCAL IMPACT –

The cost of demolition, \$3,500, will be reimbursed to Timelis Restorations to defray the cost of the move. This is an eligible reimbursement from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of Structure Removal Contract to sell the house located at 835 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway to Timelis Restorations for \$1 for the purpose of moving the house to 672 - 18th Street in the Sherman Hill Historic District.

BACKGROUND –

On September 13, 1997, an advertisement was placed in the Des Moines Register stating that 835 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway was available for move and an open house would be held on September 20, 1997, at which time potential movers could walk through the house. An

information packet and criteria for submitting a proposal to move the structure was available at that open house. The Sherman Hill and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Associations and Des Moines Neighbors were notified of the open house, as well as the City' s Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

The house is a two story craftsman home of approximately 1,500 sq. ft. It is in good structural condition although will need repairs such as painting, new roof, and plumbing throughout. The City has estimated it would cost approximately \$3,500 to demolish that part of the house that is above ground. That cost will be reimbursed to the owner at such time as a certificate of occupancy for the house at its new site has been granted. This is an eligible reimbursement for the City from IDOT.

Timelis Restorations, L.L.C. is comprised of the following persons, Carl R. Wiederanenders, individually; Timothy R. Waddell, individually; and Elisabeth C. Buck. The company is proposing to move the house to a vacant lot it owns at 672 - 18th Street in the Sherman Hill Historic District. Their plan is to move and restore the house for sale to an owner-occupant.

The proposal was approved by the City' s Historic District Commission at its November 19, 1997 meeting. It was reviewed and approved by the Sherman Hill Association Board. The proposal was also approved by the State Historic Society of Iowa. Timelis Restorations will be required to obtain a moving permit from the Traffic and Transportation Division and a building permit from the Permit and Development Center.