

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-299

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JUNE 21, 1999

On the June 21, 1999 Council agenda is a roll call to approve a contract between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the City. The contract is for consulting services for the redevelopment of City-owned property at the corner of 6th Avenue and College.

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY
AND THE
NATIONAL TRUST
FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION

FISCAL IMPACT -

The contract is for \$23,600. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be utilized.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

RESOLUTION
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BACKGROUND -

The City purchased the properties located at the northwest corner of 6th and College in 1997 for the purpose of commercial redevelopment. The structure located at 1600 - 6th Avenue is a key feature of the commercial node. Because of the condition of the building and the decline of the commercial node, redevelopment of the corner will be challenging. The National Trust will work with City staff to determine the best redevelopment strategy for the corner, including the rehabilitation of 1600 - 6th Avenue and the construction of new commercial structures.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has extensive experience with historic redevelopment projects. The Trust is also familiar with Des Moines and the River Bend Neighborhood and, therefore, will be able to address the uniqueness of the project. In addition to staff expertise in

project analysis, the Trust has an extensive resource network. This network includes governments that have managed similar projects, developers who have completed complicated redevelopment projects in challenging areas, and investors who are committed to contributing to projects across the nation in the name of historic preservation.

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