

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**00-495**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**  
  
OCTOBER 26, 2000

On the October 26, 2000, Council agenda are three roll calls related to the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan and the Western Gateway Goals and Guiding Principles. The first roll call receives and files a communication from the Gateway Steering Committee.

**SUBJECT:**  
  
WESTERN  
GATEWAY  
CONCEPT  
FRAMEWORK PLAN  
AND GOALS AND  
GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES

The second roll call receives and files communications from the Traffic Safety Board, the Architectural Advisory Committee, the Urban Renewal Board, the Historic District Commission, the Plan and Zoning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Library Board pertaining to the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan and the Western Gateway Goals and Guiding Principles.

**TYPE:**

The final roll call is the resolution to adopt the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan and the Western Gateway Goals and Guiding Principles. The Council is asked to approve and adopt the plan, the goals and guiding principles, and to direct staff to prepare a plan for implementation.

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

As a component of the implementation plan, staff will prepare detailed cost estimates and timeline.

ERIC A. ANDERSON  
CITY MANAGER

**RECOMMENDATION -**

· **Approval of the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan, which includes two concepts for development, as a guide for public and private improvements and developments in the Western Gateway Proper, the area bounded by 10th Street to the east, 15th Street to the west, Grand Avenue to the north, and Locust Street to the south.** One concept plan shows the pattern of development if the Masonic Temple is rehabilitated; the other concept plan shows the pattern of development if the Masonic

Temple is not retained. This plan does not prescribe details but establishes the location of major elements in the five-block area and their relationship to each other. The major elements include building pad locations and locations of major landscape features such as the signature fountains. The plan does not definitely establish the uses of the open spaces; these details will be developed through subsequent implementation and programming phases. Until such time as the major elements are developed, the interim use will be green space and the different elements recommended by the Framework Plan will be added over time.

**· Approval of the Western Gateway Goals and Guiding Principles as the context for the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan and all subsequent development in the Western Gateway Proper.**

#### **BACKGROUND -**

The Western Gateway Goals and Guiding Principles and the Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan are the result of a five-month planning process. Input from town meetings, focus groups, and downtown stakeholders were used to develop the goals and guiding principles, which in turn are the basis of the framework plan. The Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan establishes the major uses and their locations in the Western Gateway Proper within the theme of life long learning. The plan does not, however, prescribe the details. The landscaping and open space detail will be determined during the implementation and programming phases of the project. In addition, the plan does not dictate the form or materials of the buildings.

The Western Gateway Concept Framework Plan was reviewed by the following boards and commissions. Their recommendations are attached under a separate roll call.

- Gateway Steering Committee
- Traffic Safety Committee
- Architectural Advisory Committee
- Urban Renewal Board
- Historic District Commission

- Plan and Zoning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Library Board

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