

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-560

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 4, 2000

On the December 4, 2000 Council agenda are two roll calls relating to the approval of the Allied Gateway Campus conceptual development plans.

SUBJECT:

ALLIED GATEWAY
CAMPUS
CONCEPTUAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLANS

The first roll call receives and files a communication from the Architectural Advisory Committee and the Urban Renewal Board. The second roll call is the resolution to approve the Allied Gateway Campus conceptual development plans.

TYPE:

Staff have reviewed the conceptual development plans on file in the office of the City Clerk, and finds them to be in compliance with the conditions of the Contract for Sale of Land for Private Redevelopment Metro Center Urban Renewal Project by and between the City and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

FISCAL IMPACT -

Approval of the conceptual development plans does not change the financial obligations of either the City or Nationwide.

SUBMITTED BY:

RECOMMENDATION -

RICHARD CLARK
DEPUTY CITY
MANAGER

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The recommendations by the Architectural Advisory Committee and the Urban Renewal Board on the Allied development plans include a recommendation that only one skywalk bridge per block cross Walnut Street. The development plans on file with the City Clerk are consistent with this recommendation.

However, existing contract provisions in the agreements between the

City and the Hotel Fort Des Moines and between the City and Nationwide would allow for the possible construction of one public skywalk bridge and one private skywalk bridge, respectively, across Walnut Street between 10th Street and vacated 11th Street.

Representatives of Nationwide and the owners of the Hotel Fort Des Moines are working together to complete a design that would eliminate the need for a public skywalk bridge across Walnut Street between the Hotel and the new Allied building. Both parties indicate that one skywalk bridge across Walnut is also their desire. Design options under consideration include a covered connection between the Hotel and a skywalk vertical access point in the Allied parking garage.