



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**00-585**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

DECEMBER 18, 2000

Recommendation to authorize the City Properties Administrator to continue attempts to achieve negotiated structure removal contracts for the houses at 3020 and 3060 Army Post Road. If no agreement can be reached, the properties are to be demolished.

**SUBJECT:**

NEGOTIATION OF  
SALE OF HOUSES  
AT 3020 AND 3060  
ARMY POST ROAD

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Funding for this property acquisition project is contained in the current Capital Improvement Program under AIR095 - Land Acquisition and Development - Future Expansion. The revenue generated from the sale of the improvements on the properties is used to decrease the project cost. Any negotiated sale would save approximately \$6,000 in demolition costs.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD M. TRIPP,  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

The Des Moines International Airport's Revised Master Plan provides for the acquisition of property south of the Airport between Army Post Road and relocated Army Post Road for Airport expansion. The Airport Board has previously authorized the acquisition of this property on a voluntary basis. Approximately 41 properties have been involved in this project and 38 have been or are in the process of being acquired. When the properties are vacated, the improvements on the property are usually offered by auction to the public. Once the structures are removed, the foundations are demolished. This process recycles the structures and reduces the cost of demolition. Funds received from the sale of the improvements are used to decrease the acquisition and demolition costs associated with the project.

At this time, demolition has been completed on approximately 35 of the properties in this project. On November 18, 2000, three additional houses, several out buildings, and other materials were sold at a public auction. The diagram attached to the Roll Call shows the property locations. Two of the houses were not sold at the auction. The City Properties Administrator believes the possibility exists for the sale of the properties in a negotiated sale to avoid demolition costs and seeks authorization to enter into a negotiated sale or proceed with demolition if necessary.