



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

01-006

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 8, 2001

Requesting authorization to proceed with the Highland Park Streetscape Project and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services.

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS FOR
HIGHLAND PARK
STREETSCAPE
PROJECT

Authorization to proceed with the project and to issue the RFP will have no fiscal impact. When a consultant is selected and a contract is negotiated, payment for the consultant and construction of the project will come from \$450,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (\$150,000 from 2001 and \$300,000 from 2000) and a \$300,000 grant from Polk County.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

JIM GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

On August 23, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-2656, the City Council approved the use of \$13,500 from the 1999 CDBG Neighborhood Redevelopment Pool to fund the creation of a Design Development Plan for the Highland Park Streetscape Project. The plan was developed by the landscape architecture firm of Adamson & Associates and was completed in December 1999. The plan was very well received by the Highland Park neighborhood and area businesses and property owners.

FLOYD BENTZ
CITY ENGINEER

The Highland Park Streetscape Plan includes utility relocation, new sidewalks, brick street restoration, vintage street lighting, landscaping, street furnishings, and an historic entry arch. The plan focuses on making infrastructure improvements in the Highland Park Historic Business District at the intersection of Sixth Avenue

and State Highway 6, which is also East Euclid Avenue.

Since that time, Community Development staff has been working to secure funds to implement the plan. Funds have been secured from the City's CDBG allocation (\$450,000), which includes \$300,000 from 2000 funds and \$150,000 from 2001 funds. The project has also received a \$300,000 grant from Polk County. The specific terms of the grant have not been determined. An additional \$250,000 in transportation enhancement has been requested from the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Once a consultant is selected, a contract will be negotiated. It is estimated that the consultant will begin work on the project in mid-March. Construction is not anticipated to begin until spring of 2002.