

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

01-011

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 8, 2001

The proposed amendment to the Des Moines 2020 Community Character Land Use Plan by adoption and incorporation of the "Easter Lake New Town Plan" provides for future land use and development objectives and guidelines for the area bounded by Easter Lake Drive on the north, the Corporate Limit on the south and east, and Indianola Avenue on the west.

SUBJECT:

ADOPTION OF THE
EASTER LAKE NEW
TOWN PLAN

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

In 1987, the City of Des Moines annexed the area being referred to as the Easter Lake New Town with the intent of providing land for development. During the last five years, single-family development has occurred in the area without an overall land use plan to ensure a coordinated comprehensive approach. Neighborhood residents have raised concern about the lack of an overall plan to guide development. The City initiated a planning process in 1998.

The Easter Lake New Town Plan culminates a two-year planning process of the Plan and Zoning Commission 2020 Plan/Easter Lake New Town Committee. Several neighborhood residents also regularly participated in this effort.

In June 2000, two consultants were hired to help staff produce the report, Snyder and Associates Engineers of Ankeny and Town planning Collaborative (TPC) of Minneapolis. In July, TPC led a

planning session for the Easter Lake New Town Area where developers, neighborhood residents, City staff, City Council, and Plan and Zoning Commission members were invited to attend.

City planning staff also held meetings with other City department staff and school officials regarding development of the plan. The meetings included a presentation by TPC of plan concepts at the City Manager's Department Directors Meeting on August 18, 2000, and individual meetings with each affected department during September and October of this year. The Park and Recreation Board also approved the park and open space system component of the plan.