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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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01-051

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

Approval of Assumption of Contract for Gray's Lake Pedestrian Bridge with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

JANUARY 30, 2001

SUBJECT:

FISCAL IMPACT -

\$350,500 remaining on contract. Final rail detail is in discussion to meet safety requirements. Once a cost is determined, a change order will come to council for approval.

ASSUMPTION OF
CONTRACT - GRAY'S
LAKE PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE

RECOMMENDATION -

TYPE:

Approve the Assumption of Contract for Gray's Lake Pedestrian Bridge with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation.

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

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PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The Gray's Lake project has been extremely successful by all accounts. Over \$3.1 million in cash contributions have been raised to date. In addition, a total of \$2.3 million toward land was received to initiate the project in 1998. Additionally, numerous in-kind gifts have been received toward construction of the Marine Rental Facility (southwest corner), lighting, and security, including thousands of hours of donated time. The City's partnership with the donors through the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation has been of extraordinary value to the community. Use of the Park has been high with many people providing compliments regarding the improved aesthetics along Fleur Drive.

The transfer of the bridge construction contract with Jensen Construction Co. (Dan Timmons, Vice President, 5550 NE 22nd, Saylor Township, 50313) to the City from the Greater Des Moines

Community Foundation is necessary in order to address a cash flow situation. The timing of projected pledges and donations, and the remaining line of credit with Commercial Federal Bank, is not sufficient to meet the outstanding obligation to complete the construction of the pedestrian bridge. The line of credit allows 75 percent of pledges to be borrowed in advance of receipt. Sufficient donations have been pledged, but will not be realized as cash until future years, Fiscal Year (FY) 2002-2006.

The Park and Recreation Department and Finance Department staff have worked closely together and have modified the Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by deferring some projects in order to cover the cost estimates for items remaining in Gray's Lake Phase I Construction. The projections show that future committed pledges for Gray's Lake will come in FY2002, allowing the City to reimburse the deferred Park and Recreation CIP projects in FY2002. It is projected that the Gray's Lake CIP project shortfall will be fully recovered in FY2004. In FY 2006, pledge dollars received will bring an additional \$214,088 to Gray's Lake over and above the short-term costs the City assumes in this agreement.

The Greater Des Moines Community Foundation will continue to receive committed pledges and donations. These funds will first be applied to reduce the Foundation's line of credit with Commercial Federal Bank. Once this line of credit, interest, and any outstanding bills are paid, the remaining future pledges will be forwarded through the Foundation to the City.

The bridge is scheduled for completion this spring. The Marine Rental Facility improvements are anticipated for completion this year. Additional Phase I work in the areas of landscaping and signage will also be completed in 2001.