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**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**01-058**

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

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

On September 14, 1998, Council approved a plan to implement the Gateway Project. This plan included a governance structure for directing the project. It is now recommended that Council approve a restructuring of the Gateway Steering Committee to add two members.

**SUBJECT:**

AMENDMENT TO THE  
STRUCTURE OF THE  
GATEWAY STEERING  
COMMITTEE

More specifically, it is recommended that the Gateway Steering Committee be comprised of 14 individuals including: six representatives of Greater Des Moines Partnership (the President/CEO and five additional representatives to be named by Greater Des Moines Partnership), six representatives of the City (the Mayor, Ward III Council Member, Ward IV Council Member, one at-large Council Member, the City Manager, and one additional representative to be named by the City), one representative of Polk County, and one representative of the State of Iowa.

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
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It is further recommended that the following individuals fill the above positions:

**SUBMITTED BY:**

ERIC A. ANDERSON  
CITY MANAGER

**Greater Des Moines Partnership (GDMP) Representatives:**

Mike Blouin, *President/CEO, GDMP*  
Leo Armatis, *Meredith Corporation, GDMP representative*  
Joe Corfits, Jr., *Central Iowa Health Systems, GDMP representative*  
Steve Rasmussen, *Allied Group Insurance, GDMP representative*  
John Burgeson, *Iowa State Bank, GDMP representative*  
Chris Welp, *Equitable Life Insurance, GDMP representative*

**City of Des Moines Representatives:**

Preston Daniels, *Mayor, City of Des Moines*  
Archie Brooks, *Ward III Council Member, City of Des Moines*  
Christine Hensley, *Ward IV Council Member, City of Des Moines*  
Chris Coleman, *At-Large Council Member, City of Des Moines*  
Eric A. Anderson, *City Manager, City of Des Moines*

Brian Smith, *Blazing Saddles*, City of Des Moines representative

**Polk County Representative:**

Gene Phillips, *Polk County Supervisor*

**State of Iowa Representative:**

Tom Johnson, *Division of Design & Construction, State of Iowa*

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

The restructuring of the Gateway Steering Committee will have no fiscal impact.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

On May 4, 1998, the Council approved the Gateway project and directed the City Manager to prepare various actions related to project implementation. On September 14, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-2909, the Council approved various actions related to Gateway project implementation, including the structure of the Gateway Steering Committee.

Since Council approval of the structure, the Des Moines Development Corporation merged with the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and Choose Des Moines to form the Greater Des Moines Partnership. This reorganization necessitated clarification of GDMP's Gateway Steering Committee representatives. Upon examination of GDMP's representation on the Gateway Steering Committee, GDMP requested that an additional representative be added. In order to maintain balance, the City of Des Moines is also adding a representative.

Gateway Steering Committee membership will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure the continued success of the project.

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