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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

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

01-238

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 7, 2001

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State Historic Society of Iowa detailing how the City of Des Moines will mitigate adverse effects of the 6th and University Grocery Store on historic, architectural and archaeologically significant properties.

SUBJECT:

**MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT FOR
HISTORIC
RESOURCES ON 6TH
AND UNIVERSITY
GROCERY STORE**

FISCAL IMPACT -

Archaeology \$1,000
Documentation \$7,000 (approximate)
House Moves \$100,000
Design Review NA

These mitigation steps will be funded through grant and loan money from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY:

**JIM GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR**

BACKGROUND -

The use of federal funds for the 6th and University Grocery Store requires an evaluation of the development's impact on historic and architecturally significant properties. This is generically referred to as a Section 106 review, named after the section of the federal code that details the review process. Section 106 was approved as a part of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The entire process is included in 36 CFR Part 800.

Four properties on the site of the grocery store have been determined to be eligible for the National Register, and the grocery store site is adjacent to the West Ninth Street Historic District, a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The grocery store developer, River Bend Neighborhood organization, State Historic Society of Iowa, and the City have worked closely to develop measures that will mitigate any adverse impacts the grocery store will have on the historic resources. The mitigation measures in the attached MOA include:

- “ Development of documentation/marketing piece for the River Bend Neighborhood;
- “ Moving four homes that have been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- “ Conducting an archaeological investigation on the original lots of homes determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- “ Review of the design of the site by the State Historic Society of Iowa for its impact on the 9th Street Historic District.

Executing the Memorandum of Agreement and implementing each of the steps will insure that the City has satisfied federal requirements on protecting historic, architectural and archaeologically significant properties.
