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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

01-264

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

MAY 21, 2001

Approving a professional services agreement with Brian Clark and Associates (Brian Clark, President, 500 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309) for preliminary and final design of Walnut Creek Trail, Phases I-B and II.

SUBJECT:

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR
WALNUT CREEK
TRAIL PHASES I-B
AND II

FISCAL IMPACT -

\$139,920-Funding for these services is included in the 2000-2001 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

A 28E Agreement was authorized by the City Council by Roll Call No. 98-913 on March 23, 1998, to hire a consulting firm for trail engineering and planning services along the Raccoon River (Jordan Creek Trail) and Walnut Creek. The Walnut Creek Trail Connection Master Plan was subsequently approved by the City Council by Roll Call No. 98-3367 on October 26, 1998. The current request before the City Council is to approve the hiring of a consulting firm for the design services of Phases I-B and II of the overall Walnut Creek Master Plan. These segments of the trail begin on the west side of Walnut Creek and the bridge over 63rd Street and end south of Railroad Avenue on the east side of 63rd Street near the terminus of Lincoln Drive in West Des Moines. The northern and southern portions of Phase II are connected by an existing paved section of what is commonly referred to as the North Valley or Levee Trail. Construction of the trail segments will include two bicycle/pedestrian bridges over Walnut Creek, two bridge underpasses, and two sets of railroad crossing gates near Grand and Railroad Avenues.

SUBMITTED BY:

DONALD M. TRIPP
PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

Two grants were awarded in October and November of 2000 and one in February of 2001 to assist in the construction phases of these trail segments: 1) A Federal Recreational Trails Grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the amount of \$300,000; 2) A Recreation Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Grant from the Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in the amount of \$160,000; and 3) A Statewide Surface Transportation Program (STP) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant of \$773,000 of which approximately \$153,000 can be used toward Phase II (the remainder to be applied toward Walnut Creek Trail Phase III). The City is to match the funds with approximately \$287,000 from its CIP account for a total project cost estimated at \$900,000.

Brian Clark and Associates was hired as the consulting firm for the development of the overall Walnut Creek Trail Connection Master Plan. The successful completion of that plan has led the cities of Windsor Heights and West Des Moines to select Brian Clark and Associates as their consulting firm of choice to complete the preliminary and final designs for their cities' segment of the Walnut Creek and/or Jordan Creek Trails. In the interest of providing quality and uniformity in trail design among the respective cities, staff also recommends that the City Council select Brian Clark and Associates as the design consultant for these phases of trail. The \$139,920 not to exceed cost is budgeted within the Parks Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2001.
