

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**02-332**

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

**AGENDA:**

**JUNE 17, 2002**

**SUBJECT:**

**LABORERS LOCAL  
177 SIDEWALK  
VOLUNTEERS**

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR**

**SYNOPSIS -**

To accomplish more sidewalk replacement this construction season, the City will be relying on volunteer assistance from Laborers Local 177. Local 177 is providing training to apprentice laborers by assisting Public Works' crews with sidewalk replacement in this year's Neighborhood Infrastructure Rehabilitation Program (NIRP) neighborhood, King-Irving. Following inspection and removal of defective sidewalk by City crews, the apprentices will be framing, pouring, and backfilling replacement sidewalk. The joint program is expected to commence the week of June 24, 2002, with the City providing materials and equipment and Local 177 providing labor.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Receive and file.**

**BACKGROUND -**

Recently, Mayor Daniels was approached by representatives of Laborers Local 177 who volunteered to provide free labor to the City of Des Moines for sidewalk replacement, focusing on areas with a concentration of elderly or low-income residents. Staff recommends using this resource in this year's NIRP neighborhood, King-Irving. Under the program, apprentices from Local 177 will construct replacement sidewalk at designated locations, with Public Works' crews inspecting the sidewalk and removing defective areas.

Beginning the week of June 24, 2002, and lasting throughout the summer, Laborers Local 177 will provide up to a five-person crew for 20 hours a week to frame, pour, and backfill replacement sidewalk.

Public Works' crews will inspect and remove defective sidewalk and provide the materials required by Local 177 to replace the sidewalk. All work completed by the apprentices will be inspected by the Public Works Department for compliance with City code requirements.

The cooperative effort going into this program will help ensure that a maximum amount of defective sidewalk is removed and replaced for the safety and convenience of the residents in the King-Irving neighborhood.

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