



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**02-392**

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

**AGENDA:**

JULY 22, 2002

**SYNOPSIS -**

Contract with the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association to facilitate salvage of brick from 15th Street south of Walnut for use in Des Moines neighborhoods.

**SUBJECT:**

CONTRACT WITH  
SHERMAN HILL  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION TO  
FACILITATE BRICK  
SALVAGE

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

NA

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**BACKGROUND -**

Neighborhood organizations, and in particular citizens within historic districts, have expressed an interest in salvaging the bricks from projects that affect city sidewalks and streets. At its April 22, 2002 meeting, the City Council directed City staff to develop a policy on salvage of brick from city streets and sidewalks.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JIM GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

The Engineering, Public Works, and Community Development Departments have been working to develop such a policy for presentation to Council. The salvage of the 15th Street bricks is a pilot project to determine if a policy to salvage a brick street is going to work well for the neighborhood organizations, the City, and the contractor.

Fifteenth Street, south of Walnut, is constructed of brick that has never been overlaid with asphalt or concrete. It will be disturbed as a part of the 15th Street Connector project. The brick portion of the street is approximately 120 feet in length by 35 feet in width and should contain approximately 30,000 bricks that can be salvaged.

The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association has volunteered to help facilitate the brick salvage. The Association will have volunteers at the site during the salvage to direct individuals where to salvage and sign agreements holding the City and contractor harmless of any damage. Sherman Hill is the neighborhood closest to the 15th Street site and is the only neighborhood organization at the current time that has insurance to satisfy the City's risk management policy.

The bricks may be salvaged by any resident of the City of Des Moines for use in Des Moines neighborhoods. The persons salvaging are responsible for picking up the bricks and hauling them to their destination during the hours of the salvage. Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association may charge a minimal amount per brick to help cover the costs of their recent house move.

A salvage brick policy will be submitted to Council after this salvage project is evaluated. The time for the brick pick-up depends on the contractor's schedule, but staff is anticipating the salvage will occur in the first three weekends of August. An overall salvage brick policy will be submitted to City Council at its first meeting in September.

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