

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

03-483

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 6, 2003

SUBJECT:

OPEN/CLOSE HEARING
AND ADOPT TENTH
AMENDMENT/CITY VIEW
PLAZA
REHABILITATION/
REDEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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DEPUTY CITY
MANAGER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

On the October 6, 2003 Council agenda is a resolution to open and close the public hearing and adopt the proposed Tenth Amendment to the Omnibus Urban Renewal Plan Amendment to the Model City Prime Service Area for the City View Plaza Rehabilitation/Redevelopment Program.

The purpose of the Tenth Amendment is to sever the property located on the south side of University Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets from the City View Plaza Urban Renewal Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve.

BACKGROUND —

Project

The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) is proposing to increase its campus area by adding the block located between 8th and 9th Streets from Enos Street to University Avenue. This area will be used for additional parking and retrofitting the existing building at 800 University Avenue for technical instruction classes.

This block is located in two urban renewal areas—Walnut Hill (now expired) and City View—and it is appropriate to sever the DMACC project property from the City View Plaza Urban Renewal Plan for this project to proceed.

The City View Plaza urban renewal program was undertaken as part of the urban renewal area known as Model Cities Prime Service Area created in the late 1960s. Several urban renewal sub-areas with specific plans within the Model City program area were created. One of these sub-areas, the City View Urban Renewal Plan, adopted in 1982 and subsequently amended, assisted housing and commercial redevelopment in the City View Plaza area (generally from 8th to 14th Streets on University Avenue). Another sub-area, the Walnut Hill Urban Renewal Area,

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which was adopted in 1977 and expired in 1997, guided larger-scale developments such as the United Way and DMACC Campuses.

Board and Commission Recommendations

The Urban Design Review Board, at its September 16, 2003 meeting, recommended approval of the Tenth Amendment.

The Plan and Zoning Commission, at its September 18, 2003 meeting, recommended approval of the Tenth Amendment; its recommendation is attached to the roll call as a communication to the Council.

