

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Agenda Item:

City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION—

Agenda Date: 1/12/04
04-011

Communication No.:

Agenda Item Type: Resolution

Roll Call No:

Submitted by: Richard Clark, Deputy City Manager

-

SUBJECT—

Waiver of Ordinance to Permit Continuation of Membership on Urban Design Review Board

SYNOPSIS—

Two members of the Urban Design Review Board—Emily Lawson and Scott Allen—will both soon be employed by RDG Planning & Design due to the merger of their separate employers. The Des Moines City Code generally prohibits two members of any City board or commission from being employed by the same company unless the City grants a waiver.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City had previously appointed Emily Lawson (as a landscape architect representative whose term expires June 30, 2004) and Scott Allen (an architect with significant restoration experience whose term expires June 30, 2005) to the Urban Design Review Board.

City Code Section 2-1054(c) generally prohibits two or more members employed by the same company from serving on a City board unless the Council approves a waiver. A waiver to permit their continued Board membership is on the Council's January 12th agenda.