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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Department

SUBJECT—

Professional Services Agreement for Planning Services associated with the completion of a redevelopment master plan for Good Park.

SYNOPSIS—

Approves a Professional Services Agreement with the Dunbar/Jones Partnership (Tom Dunbar, Principal, 526 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309) to provide professional planning services for the completion of a redevelopment plan for Good Park.

FISCAL IMPACT—

\$18,215. Funding is available in the Park Redevelopment account, No. CP040 PKS990000 PKS100.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks and Recreation, *Parklands*, approved by City Council on August 7, 1997 by Roll Call No. 97-3066, recommends that a new master plan be developed for Good Park. This redevelopment plan is very similar to several other master plans that have been completed over the past few years for individual parks within the City of Des Moines. These plans serve as guidelines for repairing, renovating, and making improvements to decaying infrastructure within the park system.

An RFP was issued and four proposals were received. The four members of the staff selection committee rated the personnel assignments and work plan submitted by the Dunbar/Jones Partnership higher than the other three proposals submitted.

In 2002, a public meeting was held at King Elementary School to inform residents in the Good Park neighborhood that the Good Park swimming and wading pools would be demolished because of their age and state of repair. Many of the approximately 15 attendees at the meeting did not completely agree with the decision to demolish the pools, but they did agree that a public input process should be held to develop a new master plan for Good Park.

A Good Park Citizens' Steering Committee will be formed to assist with completing the Good Park Master Plan. Input and feedback will be solicited from several public meetings as well as from Parks and Recreation staff and other City departments. The Good Park Citizens' Steering Committee will be comprised of the following persons:

- 1 representative from each of the four surrounding neighborhood associations (total 4 persons)
- 2 representatives from the immediately adjacent residents
- 1 representative from the Park and Recreation Board

Total members = 7

Staff assistance will be provided from several City departments including Parks and Recreation, Police, and Community Development. Some members of the City Council have also expressed an interest in participating in the planning process.

The completed Good Park Master Plan will be submitted for final approval to the Good Park Citizens' Steering Committee, the Park and Recreation Board, and the City Council. Funding for the implementation of the master plan will then be requested from future Capital Improvement Program budgets, and construction will begin once funding is approved.