



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date

December 18, 2006

Agenda Item No. 69
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-786
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, AICP Community
Development Director; Jeb Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to apply for a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

This action authorizes the City Manager to submit a Vision Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) grant application for \$525,000 for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project. The City has allocated \$650,000 to this project and received a \$150,000 STP-TE grant from the Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization. The submission of a CAT grant application will support the Restoration Ingersoll Project Committee's fundraising effort to construct an enhanced level of streetscape design. All funds raised by the Committee are managed by the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation and will be transferred to the City at the appropriate time.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: No fiscal impact will result from this authorization.

The total estimated project budget is \$2,100,900. The final project budget will depend on the level of funds secured from the non-committed funding sources identified below.

Committed Funding Sources:

- \$650,000 – City of Des Moines (2006-07 CIP, Page: Street-24, STR221, Ingersoll Streetscape Improvements 28th-31st, G.O. Bonds)
- \$150,000 – Des Moines Metropolitan Planning Organization (FFY 2006 STP-TE Grant)
- \$100,000 – Greater Des Moines Community Foundation (Community Enhancement Grant)
- \$330,000 – Private and Corporate Donations

Non-committed Funding Sources:

- \$300,000 – Polk County Community Development Grant (application submitted by Restoration Ingersoll Committee on August 10, 2006)
- \$20,000 – Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino (application submitted by Restoration Ingersoll Committee on August 15, 2006)
- \$525,000 – Vision Iowa CAT Grant (application to be submitted December 29, 2006)
- \$25,900 – Additional Private and Corporate Donations

The \$2,100,900 streetscape project budget does not include storm sewer construction costs in the project area, estimated at \$500,000, which will be funded with Storm Water Utility funds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This streetscape project is the outcome of an on-going planning effort with the Ingersoll Area Association (IAA) and the surrounding neighborhoods. The development and implementation of a plan for Ingersoll Avenue was specifically mentioned in the Woodland Heights Neighborhood Plan (1990), the North of Grand Neighborhood Plan (1998), the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Plan (1999), and the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Plan (2002). In 2001, the Ingersoll Area Association raised \$25,000 to challenge the City to put resources towards the development of a comprehensive plan for the entire corridor.

On December 8, 2003, the City Council, by Roll Call No. 03-2690, approved an agreement with RDG Planning & Design to prepare a comprehensive plan for the Ingersoll Avenue corridor from the 17th Street intersection to the 42nd Street intersection. The City, the Ingersoll Area Association (IAA), and the North of Grand Neighborhood shared the cost of this plan. After a nine-month planning effort and public comment period, the City Council received and filed the Ingersoll Avenue Improvement Plan on November 8, 2004 by Roll Call No. 04-2400. This plan provides general direction for the improvement of Ingersoll Avenue and includes a variety of suggestions from public art to redevelopment concepts to parking improvements. By Roll Call No. 04-2400, the Council also directed the City Manager to review the plan and to recommend implementation activities.

After reviewing the plan, staff and the Ingersoll Area Association agreed to pursue a pilot streetscape project between 28th Street and 31st Street. On October 24, 2005, the City Council, by Roll Call Number 05-2597, approved an agreement with Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture, Inc. to develop a streetscape design.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 7, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-1554

Action: [Authorizing](#) City Engineer to issue Notice to Proceed to Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture, Inc. for Phase 3 (Design and Development) and Phase 4 (Bidding Phase) of Professional Services Agreement for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project. ([Council Communication No. 06-502](#)) Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: October 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2597

Action: Professional Services Agreement with Douglas Hoerr Landscape Architecture Inc. (Douglas Hoerr, Principal, Chicago, IL) for the Ingersoll Avenue Streetscape Project, not to exceed \$238,655. ([Council Communication No. 05-594](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 8, 2004

Roll Call Number: 4-2400

Action: Receive and file Ingersoll Avenue Improvement Plan and refer to City Manager for recommendation. ([Council Communication No. 04-574](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: December 8, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-2690

Action: Approving Agreement with RDG Crose Gardner Shukert for professional services in conjunction with the Ingersoll Avenue Corridor Study - \$20,000. ([Council Communication No. 03-565](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 6-1.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council action for administration of construction contracts.