



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 65A

Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-155

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp  
Parks and Recreation Director

## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving schematic design for the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the schematic design for the John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park. The schematic design is attached to the roll call.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Total project cost of the Sculpture Park, estimated at \$4 million, will be privately funded through a combination of donations and grants. The City's total contribution would be \$501,000.

Funding Source: Recommended 2008-2009 Capital Improvements Program, Park Improvements Page-17, Pappajohn Sculpture Garden, PKS169, TIF transferred from the original Western Gateway Redevelopment Project - URR027

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In February 2007, the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Art Center announced that Des Moines philanthropists John and Mary Pappajohn would be donating major pieces of sculpture to the Art Center for placement in Western Gateway Park, located between 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets and Grand and Locust Streets in downtown Des Moines. The Pappajohns' donation offers Des Moines the opportunity to showcase one of the most significant collections of art in the United States. To best showcase the art and address important issues of security and maintenance, it is necessary to make alterations to the current design of the park. The architectural design firms of Agrest and Gandelsonas, with the support of several local sub consultants including RDG, have been working with the City and the Art Center to create a schematic design for Western Gateway Park.

There has been significant opportunity for input on the proposed sculpture park. In addition to direct input from the Pappajohns, meetings have been held with stakeholders that assisted in the development of the original Western Gateway Park. The schematic plan has also been presented and reviewed by the Urban Design Review Board, Planning and Zoning, and Park and Recreation Board. There is a separate item on the March 24, 2008 Council agenda for the approval of professional services with Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects, LLP for design development.

Portions of the Western Gateway Park will be modified for placement of the sculptures and funding for these changes will be raised privately. However, there will be some funding from the City. Currently

\$500,000 remains from bonds previously sold for Western Gateway Park and these will be transferred to this sculpture park project. City funds will be used for the consultant services and other soft costs. The construction of the project will be funded through a combination of donations and grants. An overall project budget of \$4 million has been established.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: March 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: [08-403](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to submit Grant Application to Vision Iowa Board for development of a sculpture garden in “Western Gateway” Park, \$1,950,000. ([Council Communication No. 08-133](#)) Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 5, 2007

Roll Call Number: [07-2154](#)

Action: [Professional](#) Services Agreement with Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects, LLP for schematic design of the Pappajohn Sculpture Garden at Western Gateway Park, not to exceed \$132,750. ([Council Communication No. 07-671](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Date: February 26, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-017

Action: Park and Recreation Board approval of Schematic Design

Date: February 21, 2008

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: Information presentation of the schematic design to the Plan & Zoning Commission.

Date: February 5, 2008

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: Presentation to and opportunity for comment by the Urban Design Review Board

Date: March 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: The Board, by unanimous consensus, approved the preliminary schematic design subject to review and recommendation on final design plans.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design, an agreement with the Des Moines Art Center, and professional service agreement for final design and construction phase services.

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