



# Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 65C  
Roll Call No. 08-  
Communication No. 08-172  
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## AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Professional Services Agreement with Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects, LLP for design of the Pappajohn Sculpture Park at Western Gateway Park, not to exceed \$271,200.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects, LLP, (Diana Agrest and Mario Gandelsonas, Principals, 176 Grand Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10013), for a lump sum amount of \$257,000, and reimbursable costs not to exceed \$14,200, to provide design services for the Pappajohn Sculpture Park at Western Gateway Park.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$271,200 for this agreement. 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 2007, Mary and John Pappajohn announced the donation of several sculptures to the Des Moines Art Center for placement in the proposed Pappajohn Sculpture Park at Western Gateway Park. Mr. Pappajohn's offer of art, offers an opportunity for Des Moines to create one of the most significant collections of art in the United States. Mario Gandelsonas has been working with the Pappajohns and the Des Moines Art Center on various options for a conceptual design of the sculpture park. The schematic design for Western Gateway Park has been prepared that alters the current park in a way that best showcases the art, accounts for security and maintenance needs to provide for this very special collection. Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects are recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department to proceed with the design in cooperation with John Pappajohn, the Des Moines Art Center, and the City. The selection was based on the significance of the Pappajohn collection, and Mario Gandelsonas' proven vision for downtown planning and the work already underway between the architect and the art donors. Local subconsultants will be used to assist the architect in developing the design.

There was significant opportunity for input on the proposed sculpture park during the schematic design phase. 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 to the Urban Design Review Board, Plan and Zoning Commission and Park and Recreation Board. There is a separate item on the March 24, 2008 Council agenda for the approval of the schematic design.

City funding for the sculpture park project is limited to \$500,000 remaining from the original Western Gateway Redevelopment 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.

Staff has negotiated a Professional Services Agreement with Agrest and Gandelsonas Architects, LLP, for a lump sum amount of \$271,200, to provide design services for the Pappajohn Sculpture Park at Western Gateway Park. A future supplemental agreement contract will be required for construction phase services.

#### **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 26, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-018

Action: Park and Recreation Board approved the general terms of the Western Gateway Sculpture Park agreement.

Date: February 21, 2008

Roll Call Number: NA

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

Date: February 5, 2008 and March 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: NA

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

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Normal Council actions on consultant services for design.

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