



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date August 25, 2008

Agenda Item No. 7
Roll Call No. 08-
Communication No. 08-512
Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving State Recreational Trail Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Principal Riverwalk Kiosk Building at Court Avenue Plaza

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorization to submit a State Recreational Trail Application to the Iowa Department of Transportation for the 2008 earmark included in the Iowa State Legislature Infrastructure Bill for the Principal Riverwalk to fund construction of the Court Ave Kiosk Building.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,500,000

Funding Source: Various funding sources as follows:

- \$750,000 Iowa DOT State Recreational Trail Funds
- \$750,000 2008-09 CIP, Page Park Improvements-23, Riverwalk, PKS162, Principal Life Insurance Company or Private funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In 2008, the Iowa State Legislature allocated \$750,000 for the Principal Riverwalk through the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) recreational trails appropriations in the Infrastructure Bill. An application must be submitted to initiate the project agreement with the IDOT. The project agreement will be presented to City Council for consideration in the future, as well as an agreement with the Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority (RDA) for funding and construction contracts.

The RDA has identified the Court Avenue Kiosk Building as the next priority for Principal Riverwalk construction. The Center Street Bridge construction is underway and has been fully funded. The Corps of Engineers received an FY2008 appropriation for the Greenbelt of just over \$4 million; approximately \$3 million is expected to be used for construction to provide the final approaches to the Center Street Bridge in 2009. This leaves a funding gap of approximately \$16 million to complete the Riverwalk. The City and Principal are continuing efforts to obtain Federal earmarks and pursuing grants from other funding sources, such as Prairie Meadows and State of Iowa Recreational Trails.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 10, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-381

Action: Recommendation to appoint Chris Coleman as representative to the Riverwalk Development Authority. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 19, 2007

Roll Call Number: 07-2267

Action: Project Cooperation Agreement with Department of the Army for construction of Phase I of the Principal Riverwalk and approving agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company and The Des Moines River Front Development Authority for responsibility of Non-Federal Sponsor financial obligations and work related to the Principal Riverwalk. (Council Communication No. 07-680) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: April 25, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-1062

Action: Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with the Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority, for planning, constructing and maintaining riverfront improvements in the Downtown area. (Council Communication No. 05-230) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: August 16, 2006

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Approval of the Principal Riverwalk Kiosk by the Access Advisory Board, with the condition that the restrooms comply with ADA dimensions.

Date: August 15, 2006

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Approval of the Principal Riverwalk Kiosk by the Urban Design Review Board

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Authorize IDOT project agreement, funding agreement with the RDA for construction of the kiosk building, normal actions for construction contracts.

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