

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date	August 24, 2009
	Agenda Item No. 55 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-615</u> Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E. City Engineer	

AGENDA HEADING:

Receive and file Urban Design Review Board approval and Riverwalk update.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend receiving and filing the Urban Design Review Board approval of the Court Avenue Kiosk Building and update to Principal Riverwalk project status. There are no further City Council actions required for this project construction since the City entered into the Project Partnership Agreement on November 19, 2007, by Roll Call 07-2267. The project has been reviewed and approved by the City’s Urban Design Review Board and Access Advisory Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: No fiscal impact on this action, however, the estimated total project cost is \$60 million

Funding Source: Project costs that are administered through the City of Des Moines are included in 2009-10 CIP, Page Park Improvements-23, Riverwalk, PKS162. Project costs administered by the Corps of Engineers and entirely private dollars are not included in the CIP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Construction of the Principal Riverwalk began in 2004. The completed project components include: Meredith Trail, Des Moines Union Railway Bridge renovation (a.k.a Red Bridge), Long Look Garden, Brenton Skating Plaza, and the Hansen Triangle. The Des Moines River Outfall and Overflow project included construction of the sewer and placement of sheetpile in place of the levee on the west side of the Des Moines River. The Center Street Pedestrian Bridge construction is expected to be completed later this year. Costs to date total approximately \$40 million.

Approximately \$11 million of construction projects is planned for 2009 and 2010 including: Walnut Street to Grand Avenue on the west side with Department of Transportation Federal stimulus funds; Court Avenue Plaza and Kiosk building with an option for the west side north of Grand Avenue using Corps of Engineers Greenbelt funding from FY08, FY09 and anticipated FY10 appropriations; East end of Center Street Bridge and Floodwall funded by I-Jobs, State Recreation Trails and City funds. The Court Avenue Plaza and Kiosk Building will be part of a Corps of Engineers construction project.

The Principal Riverwalk project has been very successful in obtaining Federal, State and private dollars. However, there is approximately \$11 million of Riverwalk projects to be funded, including: plaza and trail connections south of Court Avenue at the ends of the Des Moines Union Railway Bridge, promenade and plaza adjacent to the U.S. Courthouse, promenade adjacent to the Armory and Brenton

Skating Plaza, trail and pedestrian crossings at the west end of the Center Street Bridge (currently an option in the Corps project) and promenade adjacent to the existing YMCA.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

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: October 24, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2600

Action: Vision Iowa Program Grant Award Agreement for the construction of the Rediscovering the Rivers Project including the Principal Riverwalk and Meredith Riverpoint Trail. (Council Communication No. 05-596). 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.

Date: March 22, 2004

Roll Call Number: 04-599

Action: Execution of a Design Agreement with the Department of the Army for design of the Principal Riverwalk and related agreement with Principal Life Insurance Company. (Council Communication No. 04-153). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Brooks.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: July 21, 2009

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: Urban Design Review Board approved the final design for the Riverwalk Court Avenue Kiosk Building

Date: August 16, 2006

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: Access Advisory Board approved the Riverwalk Court Avenue Kiosk Building

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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