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	Agenda Item No. 26 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-712</u> Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Director of Park and Recreation	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of License Agreement with Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Association to construct and maintain Buckeye Fountain Gardens.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of an agreement with the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Association for the installation and maintenance of an historic horse trough that will be restored as a fountain with attendant garden features. The horse trough will be installed in a small traffic island near the intersection of SW 31st Street and John Lynde Road and will be landscaped and maintained by the neighborhood. The improved traffic island will be known as “Buckeye Fountain Gardens.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$7,500

Funding Source: Neighborhood Streetscape Matching Funds, PKS166 CP040 PKS990000, Page 16.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For many years, an historic horse trough has been stored by the Parks and Recreation Department in hopes that the trough could find a new use in the City of Des Moines. The City has maintained a similar fountain in Cohen Park, 1000 Scott Avenue, for many years. Several years ago the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Association approached the City with an interest in finding a home for the trough in their neighborhood, as a neighborhood centerpiece. The neighborhood association applied for a neighborhood streetscape grant to restore the trough as a fountain and install it in the traffic circle located at SW 31st Street and John Lynde Road on the south end of the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood, near the north entrance to Waterworks Park. The Association was awarded \$7,500 from the City’s streetscape matching grant program and has privately raised the remaining funds to complete the fountain installation and planting of a small ornamental garden in the traffic circle. The estimated value of all the improvements is anticipated to be \$30,000.

The City will own all improvements as part of this project, but the neighborhood association will be responsible for all maintenance to the fountain and the associated gardens. In an effort to reduce the amount of water that will be circulated through the fountain, the project will include a timer and a solar panel to power the water valve. The water to the fountain will be in operation each day approximately from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., to reduce the amount of water that is used in the fountain. The City is responsible for free water covered under the City’s agreement with Des Moines Water Works.

Staff is recommending approval of the License Agreement with the Greenwood Historic Neighborhood Association, as this effort shall result in the reuse of an historic fountain and enhance the neighborhood streetscape.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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