

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 25, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 46 Roll Call No. <u>14-1329</u> Communication No. <u>14-416</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Roosevelt Cultural District (RCD) and letter of support for the implementation of the 42nd Street Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the MOU with the RCD for the 42nd Street Streetscape Project. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a cooperative agreement between the City and the RCD to carry out the final design and implementation of the 42nd Street Streetscape Project. Also approving a letter of support to demonstrate the City’s local match toward the project for the RCD’s application to the Iowa Great Places grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: \$194,100

Funding Source: Private donations, to be provided by the RCD.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Since 2007, the RCD has been working towards streetscape improvements on 42nd Street, from Center Street to Crocker Street. The City of Des Moines, along with the RCD, hired Bolton & Menk, Inc. to conduct a concept planning process. The planning process included area business and property owners, representatives from adjacent neighborhoods, City staff, and other important stakeholders such as the Des Moines Playhouse, DART, and the Des Moines Public School District. The Concept Plan was completed in 2013 and approved by the City Council on September 9, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1400. The next step is to complete final design and engineering.

As part of the streetscape process, the community group requesting the streetscape improvements must enter into a MOU with the City. The MOU outlines the roles and responsibilities of both the City and the RCD for the remainder of the project, including the final design phase and construction. The RCD has reviewed the MOU with their board and authorized Susan Nolan, the current president, to sign on their behalf.

The project will involve a number of funding sources, including public and private funding. The General Guidelines for City Assisted Streetscape Projects, that were adopted by City Council on August 10, 2009, provide a roadmap to guide community stakeholders through the streetscape project

process and provide a framework for cost sharing requirements. The City of Des Moines has secured some grant funding to be utilized for construction of the project and anticipates applying for other grants. The Roosevelt Cultural District has begun an ambitious fundraising campaign and has been successful at securing a significant portion of their fundraising goal. Below is a breakdown of the estimated project cost and the anticipated funding sources:

Project Costs	Final Design Phase*	Construction Phase**	TOTAL
➤ <i>Base project</i>	\$181,000	\$1,207,000	\$1,388,000
➤ <i>MidAmerican Energy</i>	\$12,000	\$288,000	\$300,000
➤ <i>Private improvements</i>	\$1,100	\$7,200	\$8,300
Public Contribution (City)	\$0	\$996,300	\$996,300
Private Contribution (RCD)	\$194,100	\$505,900	\$700,000

*includes design & engineering costs

**includes construction costs & 20% contingency

The RCD is seeking grant funding for construction from the Iowa Great Places program, through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (IDCA). The IDCA is soliciting letters of intent from applicants seeking designation as a new Iowa Great Place and funding for eligible infrastructure projects for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015). It is recommended that the City provide a letter of support to the RCD to submit along with their letter of intent and, if invited to apply, with their application for funding of streetscape enhancements along 42nd Street.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 18, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1776](#)

Action: [Authorizing](#) submittal of STP and TAP Fund FY 2018 Applications to the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. ([Council Communication No. 13-554](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: September 9, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1400](#)

Action: [Roosevelt](#) Cultural District Streetscape Concept Plan. ([Council Communication No. 13-467](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt; refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation regarding alternatives to the plan, and to consider application for a Great Places grant. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 5, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1682](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for conceptual design services for the Roosevelt Cultural District Streetscape, not to exceed \$67,870. ([Council Communication No. 12-566](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 11, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0862](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with conceptual design, including issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional services for the Roosevelt Cultural District Streetscape. ([Council Communication No. 12-284](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions for engineering and construction contracts to implement the project.

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