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	Agenda Item No.	34
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-1874</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-590</u>
	Submitted by:	Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the 6th Avenue Corridor (6AC) for the implementation of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the MOU with the 6AC for the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project. The purpose of the MOU is to establish a cooperative agreement between the City and 6AC to carry out the final design and implementation of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Since 2008, the 6AC has been working towards streetscape improvements along 6th Avenue, from Hickman Road to Interstate 235. In order to develop an overall design for the project the 6AC requested that the City undertake a Conceptual Design Study. This was completed in-house by City staff and was approved by the City Council on October 22, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1632.

In 2013, the City applied for and was selected to participate in the EPA’s Greening America’s Capitals Program. Through this initiative, the EPA provided a team of designers that visited Des Moines for three (3) days to work with the community to produce schematic designs and illustrations to catalyze or complement a larger planning process for the pilot neighborhood. The end result was a plan that focused on ways to improve the 6th Avenue corridor and make it a more sustainable place to live, work, and play. This report was received and filed by the City Council on November 4, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-1728.

The City then hired Confluence in April 2014 to blend the design concepts of the 6th Avenue Streetscape Conceptual Design and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) “Greening 6th Avenue” final report to prepare a master layout plan, details, and cost estimates for the streetscape project along 6th Avenue from I-235 to the Des Moines River Bridge. The consultant is also tasked with assisting the City’s engineering staff with the final design of Phase 1 of the streetscape, located between College Avenue and the Des Moines River Bridge. This work is ongoing and is scheduled to wrap up in late summer 2016.

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 6AC for the remainder of the project, including the final design phase and construction. This MOU covers Phase 1 of the three (3) phase project. A separate MOU will be prepared and approved for Phases 2 and 3. The 6AC has reviewed the MOU with their board and authorized Aaron Todd, the current board chairman, to sign on their behalf.

The project will involve a number of funding sources, including public and private funding. The City of Des Moines and the 6AC have secured some grant funding to be utilized for construction of the project and both entities anticipate applying for other grants. Below is a table showing the estimated project cost and the anticipated cost sharing breakdown:

Total Project Cost (Phase 1)	\$2,700,000
Grant Funds Collected to Date (City & 6AC)	\$850,000
Total Project Cost less Grant Funds	\$1,850,000
Public Contribution (City)	\$1,550,000
Private Contribution	\$300,000

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 7, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0525](#)

Action: [Approving](#) Professional Services Agreement with Brian Clark and Associates, Inc. d/b/a Confluence (Brian Clark, President) for the 6th Avenue Streetscape project, not to exceed \$110,900. ([Council Communication No. 14-135](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: November 4, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1728](#)

Action: [Receive](#) and file the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Greening America's Capitals Report on the 6th Avenue Corridor. ([Council Communication No. 13-540](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: October 22, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1632](#)

Action: [The](#) 6th Avenue Streetscape Concept Plan and authorizing staff to proceed with design for a limited portion of the overall project. ([Council Communication No. 12-553](#)) Moved by Mahaffey 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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