

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: October 9, 2017
	Agenda Item No. 35 Roll Call No. <u>17-1753</u> Communication No. <u>17-717</u> Submitted by: Phillip Delafield, Community Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the conceptual design plan for a public plaza space at the intersection of SW 9th Street and Bell Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

The Friends of SW 9th with assistance from Genus Landscape Architects has developed a conceptual design for a public plaza at the intersection of SW 9th Street and Bell Avenue. City staff has reviewed and approved the preliminary plans for the plaza. The parcel, located on the northeast corner, is owned by the City of Des Moines and will remain under City ownership. The Friends of SW 9th will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the plaza following construction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$150,000

Funding Source: CIP 2017/18 Page 9, Street Improvements, Corridor Improvements – C038E699 ST265

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Friends of SW 9th, with assistance from Genus Landscape Architects, has developed a conceptual design for a public plaza at the intersection of SW 9th Street and Bell Avenue. This public plaza space was originally identified as a goal in the SW 9th Street Corridor Plan.
- Funding for the development of the conceptual design plans was paid for by the Friends of SW 9th. Funding for construction of the project is available in the Corridor Improvements activity identified in the City’s Capital Improvement Program.
- The parcel, located on the northeast corner of SW 9th Street and Bell Avenue, is owned by the City of Des Moines and will remain under City ownership. Once completed the plaza space will be for public use.

- The Friends of SW 9th will be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the plaza. The Friends of SW 9th will likely utilize the SW 9th Street Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District (SSMID) dollars to fund on-going maintenance expenses. A maintenance agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Friends of SW 9th Street will be forthcoming for City Council consideration by the end of 2017.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Typical City Council action to solicit and award construction bids, as well as to enter into an ongoing maintenance agreement with the Friends of SW 9th.

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