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|  <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p> | Date: April 23, 2018 |
| | Agenda Item No. 43 Roll Call No. <u>18-0708</u> Communication No. <u>18-216</u> Submitted by: Erin Olson-Douglas, Economic Development Director |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving revised schematic design for the improvements within the leasehold of the Civic Center Theater block and Cowles Commons block.

SYNOPSIS:

Des Moines Performing Arts (DMPA) holds a 99-year lease on the two (2) City-owned blocks on either side of 3rd Street between Locust and Walnut Streets in downtown. DMPA proposes improvements to the west entry plaza along 3rd Street and the loading dock along Locust Street to enhance the landscape and improve pedestrian and visitor security. On May 6, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-0752, City Council approved a master plan for Cowles Commons, which noted plans for improving the west entry area of the Civic Center. The proposed design for the improvements are generally consistent with this master plan and provide greater detail on the proposed improvements, including security bollards at the perimeter of the improved area. DMPA is providing all funding for the project and are planning for 2018 construction.

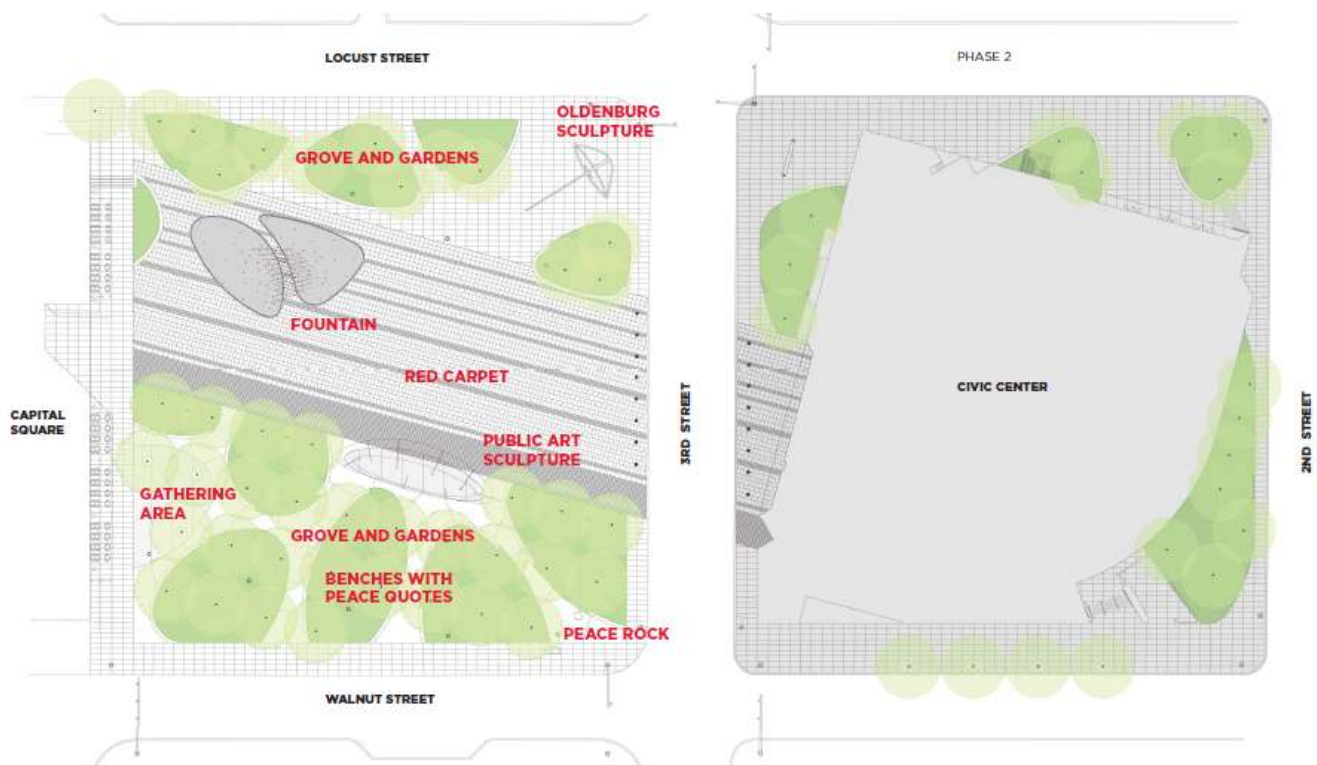
FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

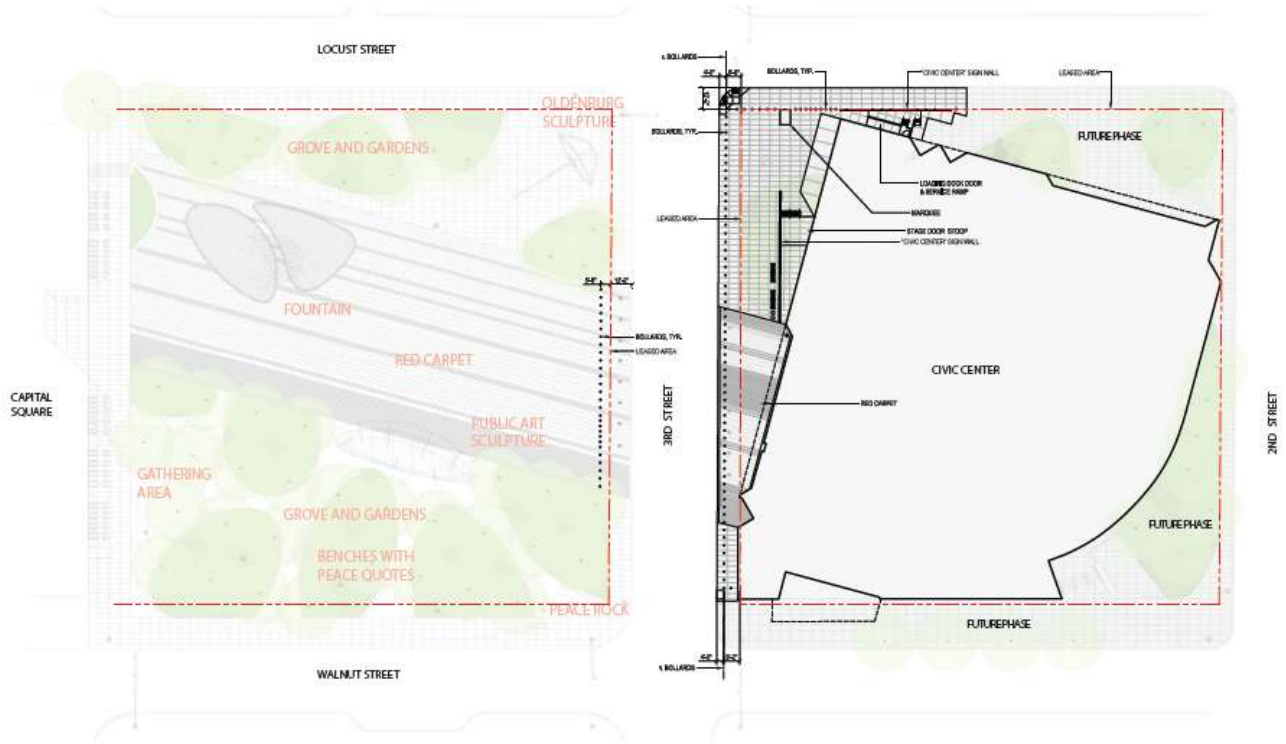
- Proposed improvements include:
 - Replacement of the sidewalk paving along 3rd Street, wrapping around to Locust Street to the north.
 - Continuation of “red carpet” pavers at the pedestrian entrance into the Civic Center (additional “red carpet” pavers for use on the Civic Center block were purchased in conjunction with the construction of Cowles Commons in 2015 to ensure a match in color).
 - Reconstruction of stage door stairs and ramp, located on the 3rd Street side.
 - Reconstruction of loading dock pedestrian door with new stairs and service ramp, located on the Locust Street side.
 - New marquee signage for the facility at the corner of 3rd and Locust Streets.
 - New building signage for the facility at the corner of 3rd and Locust Streets that replicates the “Cowles Commons” signs across 3rd Street.

- Implementation of perimeter pedestrian security utilizing stainless steel bollards along 3rd Street on the east within the right-of-way and west sides of the street within the Cowles Commons leased area, as well as wrapping around the corner to the north on Locust Street partially in the right-of-way.
- Per DMPA’s study of security best practices, the proposed location of the security bollards on the Civic Center block is within the City-owned right-of-way and is not included in the current approval. A related future action will be requested of City Council to permit the implementation of the bollards within the right-of-way.
- Final design of bollard on the Cowles Commons block are subject to final approval by the City Engineer.
- The Des Moines Civic Center, which opened in June 1979 is a 2,744-seat performing arts center run by DMPA on property owned by the City of Des Moines. The Civic Center building is also home to the 200-seat Stoner Theater, used for smaller theatrical shows and lectures.
- The Civic Center, Stoner Theater, Cowles Commons, and the nearby Temple for Performing Art are the four (4) venues programmed by the non-profit organization, DMPA.

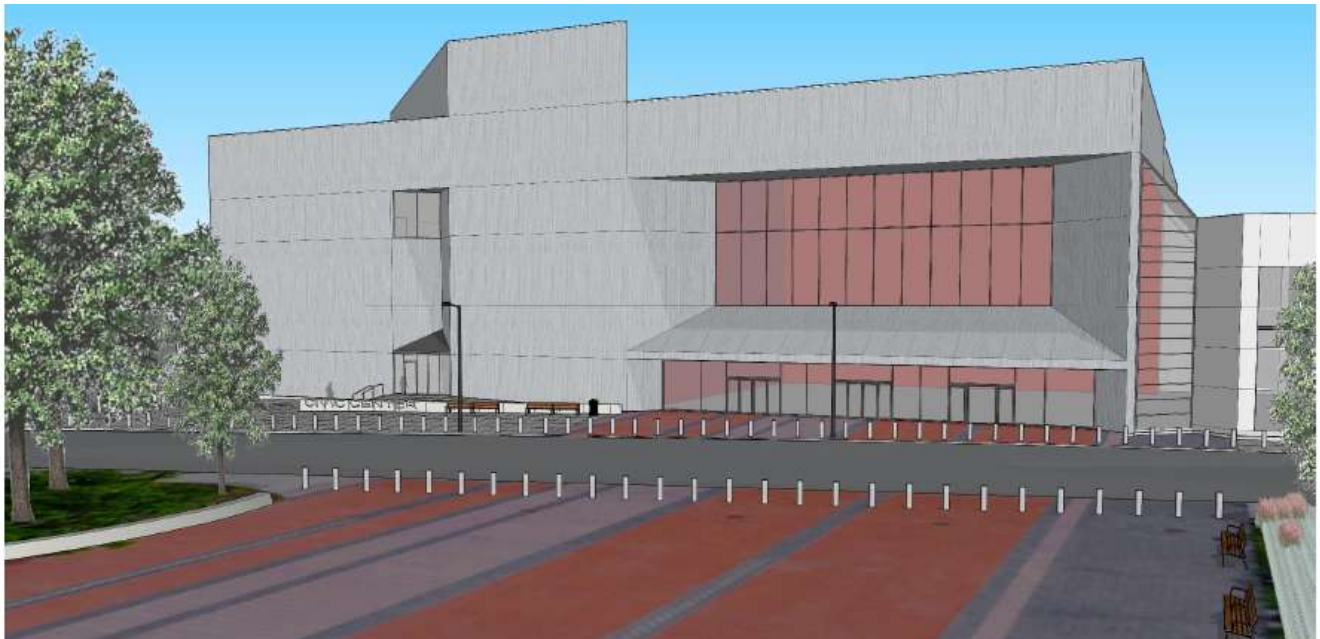
Master plan for Cowles Commons and the Civic Center block,
approved by City Council on May 6, 2013



Proposed plan for the Civic Center block



Proposed view looking east from Cowles Commons to 3rd Street plaza at the Civic Center



Proposed view looking east along Locust Street to northwest corner of Civic Center



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-1174](#)

Action: [On](#) the vacation of a portion of Walnut Street abutting Cowles Commons and Fourth Amendment to lease with Des Moines Performing Arts for Cowles Commons Block and Civic Center Block. ([Council Communication No. 15-364](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: April 18, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Presentation by Jennifer McCoy, City Traffic Engineer, City of Des Moines; Laura Sweet of Des Moines Performing Arts; and Eric Iverson, RDG Planning-Design of plans of Bollards from Brenton to Civic Center/Cowels Commons. The priority question was if there were concerns of the 48" to 60" from center line to center line. The Board agreed the 48" to 60" was sufficient and there were no concerns regarding this spacing. The Board recommended approval of plans. Motion by Gibson to approve. Seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

*The Access Advisory Board will review and approve the minutes with the above action at their next meeting.

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: March 13, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion to recommend approval as presented by Weisenbach. Seconded by Rypma. Motion carried. Yes = 7; No = 0; Absent = 3; Abstain = 0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Policy and code changes to permit security devices in the right-of-way.
- Issuance of license for security devices in right-of-way on Civic Center block, per policy and code changes.

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