


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 19-431 | Meeting: | October 14, 2019 |
| | Agenda Item: | 58 | Roll Call: | [] |
| | Submitted by: | Chris Johansen, Community Development Director | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of City as concurring party to Programmatic Agreement for design and construction of new Federal Courthouse between U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), Iowa State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

SYNOPSIS:

The U.S. GSA, the Iowa State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation have negotiated a Programmatic Agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regarding the construction of a new Federal Courthouse. The City of Des Moines has been invited to be a Concurring Party in the Section 106 process. This allows the City to provide input in determining the impacts the project will have on historic archeological and architectural resources on-site and in the area, as well as provide input on mitigation efforts that are necessary to address those impacts.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The U.S. GSA, the Iowa State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation have negotiated a Programmatic Agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA regarding the construction of a new federal courthouse.
- Section 106 of the NHPA ensures that federal agencies take preservation values into consideration when they propose a project that may affect historic archeological or architectural resources.
- The proposed Programmatic Agreement addresses design review and potential archeology activities relating to the design and construction of the new federal courthouse.
- The City of Des Moines has been invited to be a Concurring Party in the Section 106 process. This allows the City to provide input in determining the impacts the project will have on historic archeological and architectural resources on-site and in the area, as well as to provide input on the mitigation efforts that are necessary to address those impacts.

- Community Development Department staff participated in the meetings that lead to the development of the proposed Programmatic Agreement and will continue to represent the City interests, if the agreement is approved by the City Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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