


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-403	Meeting:	September 11, 2023
	Agenda Item:	47	Roll Call:	23-1275
	Submitted by:	Cody Christensen, Development Services Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Public Hearing on City-initiated request to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Plan to adopt ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories (Historic Preservation Plan) as an element.

SYNOPSIS:

ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories honors community insights and establishes a set of ambitious goals, concrete actions, and a collaborative framework to realize the vision of a Des Moines historic preservation program that values and respects the intangible heritage and tangible places, and that reflects all its histories to create a vibrant and sustainable community. It offers recommendations on improvements to the City’s program and advances goals established by PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow, which was adopted by the City in 2016. Staff recommends that ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories be adopted as an element of PlanDSM: Creating out Tomorrow Plan, including the suggested edits detailed below.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Development Services Department is seeking to include the following list of edits in the final adoption of the Des Moines Citywide Historic Preservation Plan, ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories. As a part of the final adoption process, ReflectDSM was reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission on July 19, 2023, Urban Design Review Board on August 1, 2023, and the Plan and Zoning Commission on August 3, 2023. It was also presented to the City Council at a work session on August 21, 2023.
- The following edits have been suggested through that review process:
 - Pg. 21, Add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph “It can also educate community members about stories and topics that have yet to be fully understood or acknowledged, such as redlining and restrictive covenants.” Additionally, the following resources will be referenced in the footnotes associated with this added sentence: <https://www.redliningindsm.com/> and <https://beattymillerpc.com/continuation-restrictive-covenants/>
 - Due to the recent elimination of the State of Iowa’s Department of Cultural Affairs, the following revisions are required:

- Pg. 27, second paragraph: remove reference to “Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs” and replace with “Iowa’s State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA)”.
- Pg. 42, second paragraph: remove reference to “Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs” and replace with “ ...administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority”.
- Pg. 59, first paragraph: remove reference to “Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs” and replace with “Within the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the State Historical Society of Iowa...”.
- Pg. 91, sidebar link: remove reference to “Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs” and replace the link with “Excellence in Iowa History Awards”.
- Pg. 67-92, Revisions to the graphic formatting of the “goal graphic” in each action in Chapter 4: The Future of Preservation in Des Moines. The “goal graphic” will be moved to the first part of each action for increased legibility.
- Pg. 16, Add a new subheading called “Implementation” at the end of the page (subheading style to match “Plan Structure” and “How the Plan is Used”). Add the following text under the new “Implementation” subheading: “To ensure ReflectDSM continues to reflect the desires of the community, it should be revisited regularly to confirm the plan elements are still relevant and the goals and actions are still appropriate. A full update of the Plan should be considered after ten years. Throughout all implementation work, community outreach and participation should remain the core element.”

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1170](#)

Action: [On](#) City-initiated request to amend the PlanDSM Creating Our Tomorrow Plan to set date of hearing to adopt ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories (Historic Preservation Plan) and incorporate it as an element. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: August 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1171](#)

Action: [Receive](#) and file communication from the Historic Preservation Commission. Moved by Gatto to receive and file the communication from the Historic Preservation Commission. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: March 7, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0341](#)

Action: [Contract](#) with Kendig Keast Collaborative, Inc. to provide consulting services for development of a Citywide Historic Preservation Plan and authorizing the City Manager to execute agreement. ([Council Communication No. 22-077](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Westergaard.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Historic Preservation Commission

Date: July 19, 2023

Resolution Number: NA.

Action: Motion to recommend approval of the ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories (Historic Preservation Plan) as an element to PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow comprehensive plan. Approved 9-0.

Board: Plan & Zoning Commission

Date: August 3, 2023

Resolution Number: COMP-2023-000023

Action: Motion for approval of the proposed adoption of the ReflectDSM: Honoring All Des Moines Histories (Historic Preservation Plan) as an amendment to PlanDSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. Approved 13-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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