


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-102	Meeting:	March 10, 2025
	Agenda Item:	7G	Roll Call:	25-0330
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: E. 9th Street Basin Park Improvements - Receiving bids (3-25-25) and Setting date of hearing (4-21-25). (Construction Estimate - \$475,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes new playground equipment, a basketball court, and an open-air shelter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$475,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 64, Park Improvements, PK137, Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) and G.O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the E. 9th Street Basin Park Improvements, Activity ID 11-2024-018. The improvement includes earthwork, subdrain and drainage improvements, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement and curb, electrical conduit, playground and park equipment, landscaping, erosion control and surface restoration, and other incidental items, all in accordance with the contract documents including Plan File No. 673-269/290, located near the intersection of E. 9th Street and E. Douglas Avenue.
- The estimated construction cost is \$475,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- Public input was sought in multiple formats and valuable insight was gained during these opportunities:
 - Online questionnaire: Open from December 15, 2023, to January 16, 2024, yielding a total of 58 responses to seven questions.

- Public open house on Thursday, January 10, 2024, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Community Church in a bi-lingual format to review preliminary design.
- Public open house on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Ding Darling Shelter in Birdland Park to review refinements and confirm support for the proposed park improvements.
- Located within the Highland Park neighborhood, the 3.2-acre park serves over 2,900 residents within a 10-minute walk based on the current Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkServe report. This includes over 1,200 residents who were not within a 10-minute walk prior to this project, significantly contributing to reaching the LiveDSM goal of every resident being within a 10-minute walk of the park or green space.
- This project is anticipated to commence construction this spring/summer and be completed in the fall of 2025.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Resolution Number: 25-03

Action: Motion to approve by Armstrong. Stieler seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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