



Date October 12, 2009

APPROVAL OF CONCEPTUAL USES ALONG WEST RIVER DRIVE AND REFERRAL TO THE PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION REGARDING CLOSURE OF WEST RIVER DRIVE AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is charged with providing recreational facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Riverwalk development plan calls for the enhancement of the east and west banks of the Des Moines River; and

WHEREAS, one of the Des Moines City Council goals is to develop downtown as a "24-7" city within a city, with strong employment base, entertainment and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, a conceptual use plan has been created to develop a regional skate park, bmx park, playground and dog park along West River Drive between the Center Street Pedestrian Bridge and University Avenue, which was approved by the Park and Recreation Board on September 22, 2009; and

WHEREAS, by on December 22, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-2181 the Des Moines City Council approved the permanent closure of the southern 400 feet of West River Drive; and

WHEREAS, extending the closure of West River Drive at the Illinois intersection shall provide non-vehicle access to the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed conceptual uses along West River Drive has received support from adjacent businesses, Downtown Neighborhood Association, Riverfront Development Authority and the Des Moines Park and Recreation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that:

- 1. The conceptual uses along West River Drive are hereby approved.
2. The closure of the remaining portion of West River Drive upon completion of the Riverwalk Center Street Pedestrian Bridge is referred to the Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation.

MOVED by _____ to approve.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature] Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

Mayor

West Riverside Drive Proposed Master Plan

