

Date February 13, 2012

COMMUNICATION from the Highland Park SSMID Board regarding the recommended budget for the Highland Park Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2012.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file.

FORM APPROVED:



Roger K. Brown

Assistant City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
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MEYER				
MOORE				
TOTAL				

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.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

February 3, 2012

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

RE: FY 2013 Highland Park SSMID Budget and Levy

The Highland Park SSMID Board, which was created by City Council Roll Call No. 03-2401 to assist in the preparation of the annual SSMID budget and levy, held its annual meeting on January 26, 2012. The SSMID agreement requires the Parks Area Foundation to appoint a seven member board for fixed, staggered terms. The seven board members and their terms are outlined below.

- New appointments – Fred Spuzello and Linda Bisignano, terms expire December 2014.
- Dr. Boyd Nordmark and Mike Harden, terms expire December 2013.
- Bill Wheeler, Phyllis Wheeler, and Ken Boatwright (chairman), terms expire December 2012.

The Highland Park SSMID Board reviewed and discussed the financial report that was prepared by the Finance Department and presented by staff from the Community Development Department. Following this discussion the Highland Park SSMID Board unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Highland Park SSMID levy remain at \$1.75 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation for FY 2013.

In other business, the board discussed whether or not to continue with private maintenance of the flower pots throughout the district. The board was very satisfied with the maintenance of the flower pots last year and would like to continue to contract this work out. The board approved a motion to establish a 3-year contract for the flower planting. The board also approved a motion to purchase four additional flower pots and one trash container to replace the one damaged last year. There continues to be concern regarding the number of outages there have been with the decorative street lights and whether a better technology is available that is more sustainable. Lastly, the board requested City staff to obtain bids to improve the accent lighting on the arch across 6th Avenue.

Respectfully,



Ken Boatwright, Chairman
Highland Park SSMID Board

cc: Highland Park SSMID Board Members
Rick Clark, City Manager
Scott Sanders, Finance Director
Phil Delafield, Community Development Director
Chris Johansen, Deputy Community Development Director
Roger Brown, Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Dakovich, Principal Traffic Engineer
Kyle Larson, City Planner