

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

36

Date December 17, 2012

Letter of support for the Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa's project.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive, file, and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Italian Cultural Center of Iowa's project on behalf of the City Council.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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<b>TOTAL</b>				
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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



## Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa Construction Project

### **Mission:**

The Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa (IACC) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that promotes, educates, preserves, and supports the rich Italian-American culture of the Greater Des Moines area and the State of Iowa.

### **History:**

IACC of Iowa is an ethnic organization founded in 1981 to celebrate the heritage and culture of Iowa's Italian Community.

The current center is housed at the former Supreme Bakery, the first Italian bakery in Des Moines and a place where many Italian immigrants found employment in the previous 20 years.

### The Center Provides:

Educational Museum

Focusing on K-12 students

Reference Library

Genealogy

Italian Travel and Cooking Videos

Italian Movies

Self Planned Tours of Italy

Annual Columbus Day Dinner

St. Joseph Day and Santa Lucia Celebrations

Hours of Operation – Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sundays 3 to 5 p.m. or by appointment

### **Issues with Current Site:**

- The Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa (IACC) has outgrown its existing building and we are landlocked from expansion.
- The Board of Directors originally looked at expansion to the existing center located at 1961 Indianola Avenue in Des Moines however, after reviewing the situation, the board identified that:

- The IACC is limited in the number of people that can be accommodated by the current building.
- There is a growing demand for programs and attendees that attend events held at the IACC;
- Indianola Avenue was widened several years ago, the entrance to the IACC is extremely close to the street making it not only dangerous but almost impossible for disabled people to enter the facility safely;
- Parking is inadequate and there is no place to expand parking in close proximity to the center.

**Project Components:**

**Cultural Center**

- Library/Media Arts - \$535,257
- Culinary Arts/Education - \$1,466,345
- Museum/Preservation - \$2,628,916
- Great Hall/Events Center/Culture - \$3,495,881
- Site Enhancements - \$700,500
  - Bocce Courts
  - Trailhead Plaza
  - Energy Efficient Lighting
  - Site Development/Parking/Environmental/Landscape \$1,828,000

**Italian Village**

- Site/Environmental/Sustainability - \$655,000
- Building - \$3,650,000

**Project Construction Budget:**

- Phase I - \$13.2 million
- Phase II - \$5.8 million

**Project Support to Date:**

- Private Donor \$65,000
- Polk County Board of Supervisors \$65,000
- Bravo of Greater DM \$15,000
- Ruan Foundation \$15,000
- Department of Natural Resources \$14,500
- Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines \$3,500



ILLUSTRATIVE PERSPECTIVE

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