



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date December 4, 2017

RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNICATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH THREE CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AT FORT DES MOINES.

WHEREAS, On November 3, 2017, a written request was submitted to begin the 90-day review process with State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to deed restrictions approved by City Council on October 19, 1998 by Roll Call No. 98-3218 and filed in the Office of the Polk County Recorder on November 17, 1999; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2017, the Des Moines Historic Preservation Commission discussed the issues relating to preservation of the Fort Des Moines National Landmark, in particular the Fort Des Moines Museum and decided to communicate with the Council by offering its assistance in securing the long term success of the museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the communication from the Des Moines Historic Preservation Commission is received and filed with the Clerk of the City of Des Moines.

MOVED by _____ to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Thomas G. Fisher Jr.

Thomas G. Fisher Jr. Assistant City Attorney

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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



November 29, 2017

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

RE: Fort Des Moines Museum

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

During our November 15, 2017 meeting the Commission discussed the recent attention that the Fort Des Moines Museum has received and the challenges it is facing. Fort Des Moines is a National Landmark and the museum celebrates its role in the advancement of African-Americans as Officers in World War I and its home of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) during World War II.

The Fort and the museum are important historical resources and every effort should be made to ensure they continue to be so for future generations.

Please advise if we can be of any assistance in securing the long term success of the museum.

Sincerely,

York Taenzer, Chair
Historic Preservation Commission

cc: Historic Preservation Commission
Jason Van Essen, Senior City Planner