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Date September 27, 2010

RECEIVE AND FILE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE FORT DES MOINES NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK AND REFER TO CITY MANAGER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO UPDATE SUPERBLOCK MASTER PLAN

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

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2007, by Roll Call No. 07-1559, the City Council initiated the establishment of a "SuperBlock" Technical Committee and Steering Committee to develop a master plan for the area bounded by Army Post Road, County Line Road, SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street ("Super Block") for consideration by the City Council during December 2007; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08- 077, the City Council extended the completion date for the planning process until April 2008 in order to allow the SuperBlock Technical and Steering Committees to sufficiently evaluate the numerous land use options; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2008, by Roll Call No. 08-743, the City Council approved the conceptual master plan for the SuperBlock (the "SuperBlock Master Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Fort Des Moines contains historic parade grounds and numerous historic buildings and is designated a National Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, a Historic Preservation Plan is an initial step in implementing the Super Block Master Plan by clarifying the vision of Fort Des Moines and to identify and prioritize the rehabilitation efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2009, by Roll Call Number 09-870, the City Council authorized and directed the City Manager to apply on behalf of the City for a grant in the amount of \$46,776.00 from the State Historical Society of Iowa for a Historical Resource Development Program grant for the purpose of helping to fund the development of a Historic Preservation Plan, which was later awarded in full; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-1341, the City Council authorized execution of a contract with Keffer/Overton Architects for development of a Historic Preservation Plan for Fort Des Moines in the amount of \$69,675.00; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2009, by Roll Call Number 09-1760, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement to accept a grant of \$4,000 awarded through the National Trust for Historic Preservation to be used as partial funding for a historic preservation plan for Fort Des Moines; and

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WHEREAS, July 29, 2010, the Historic Preservation Commission voted to receive, file and refer the Fort Des Moines Historic Preservation Plan to the City Council for further study; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2010, the Plan and Zoning Commission voted to receive, file and refer the Fort Des Moines Historic Preservation Plan to the City Council for further study, suggested relocation of the 5th Judicial District correctional facilities; reinstatement of the parade ground by replanting trees, rehabilitation of Allen Circle in order to construct the bandstand, and reconstruction of Butner Street and Dickman Road to restore this area for vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2010, the Park and Recreation Board voted to refer the Fort Des Moines Historic Preservation Plan to City Council for further study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Historic Preservation Plan for the Fort Des Moines National Historic Landmark be received and filed and that the City Manager be directed to review said Plan and return to the City Council for recommendation regarding an update to the Super Block Master Plan to take into account the findings of the Historic Preservation Plan.

(Council Communication No. 10-587 )

Moved by Meyer to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

Ann DiDonato
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.

T. M. Franklin Council Mayor

Diane Rauh City Clerk