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Date June 11, 2012

APPROVAL OF MASTER PLAN BY GREATER DES MOINES BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR THE DES MOINES BOTANICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-0822, the City Council approved a Lease, Operation, Management and Maintenance Agreement with the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden corporation ("GDMBG") in which the GDMBG agrees to be responsible, at its cost, for \$7,500,000 in improvements, including expanded gardens on the grounds of the Botanical Center, by June 1, 2015, and an endowment of \$2,000,000 for operational expenses at the Botanical Center and grounds, and \$500,000 for construction related costs and operating costs during and immediately after construction as consideration for rent, for an initial period of 25 years, with two 25 year renewal options at the option of the GDMBG, beginning on January 1, 2013 ("the Lease Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, per the Lease Agreement, such improvements must be constructed in accordance with a Master Plan approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the GDMBG has developed a conceptual Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto, for construction of improvements in the Botanical Center and its grounds; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2012, the Urban Design and Review Board approved the proposed Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2012, by Resolution No. 12-045, the Park and Recreation Board approved the proposed Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the attached conceptual Master Plan of the Des Moines Botanical Center and grounds is hereby accepted and approved.

(Council Communication 12-291 )

Moved by Mahaffey to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Ann DiDonato  
 Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE		✓		
TOTAL	6	1		

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
T. M. Franklin Mayor

**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.

Diane Rauh City Clerk