



Roll Call Number

13-0404

Agenda Item Number

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Date March 25, 2013

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF NORDEN HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received an application from the State of Iowa, owner of the property, for a Certificate of Appropriateness to allow the demolition of the building at 709 E. Locust Street, commonly known as Norden Hall; and,

WHEREAS, Norden Hall was designated as a local historic Landmark on April 17, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-1122, and is subject to the Landmark regulations set forth in Chapter 58, Article III, of the City Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Section 58-62 of the City Code provides that no person shall alter the exterior appearance or demolish a Landmark without first obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness for such work; and,

WHEREAS, Section 58-62 further provides that an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the alteration or demolition of a Landmark outside a designated Historic District shall be reviewed by the Landmark Review Board, and upon receipt of the report and recommendation of the Landmark Review Board, the City Council shall approve, approve with modifications or deny the application; and,

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2013, after notice and a public hearing, the members of the Landmark Review Board voted 9-1 in support of an informal motion to recommend denial of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2013, by Roll Call No. 13-0404, the City Council deferred action on the application until March 25, 2013, and directed the City Manager to work with interested parties regarding options on how the project moves forward; and,

WHEREAS, the City staff have meet with the interested parties to seek alternatives to the demolition of Norden Hall, as more specifically described in the accompanying Council Communication.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

- 1. The request by the State of Iowa for issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed demolition of Norden Hall shall be considered at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, at 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2013, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.

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- 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in the accompanying form to be given by publication once, not less than four (4) days and not more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, all as specified in Section 362.3 of the Iowa Code.

MOVED by Meyer

to adopt; receive, file and forward a letter to the Director of the State Department of Administrative Services regarding the City's commitment.

FORM APPROVED:

Roger K. Brown

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Assistant City Attorney

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GRIESS	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MEYER	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

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