



Roll Call Number

15-0820

Agenda Item Number

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Date May 18, 2015

**AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN IOWA GREAT PLACES SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION FOR THE SIXTH AVENUE BRIDGE ART INSTALLATION PROJECT AS PART OF THE SIXTH AVENUE CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION EFFORT**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2015 by Roll Call No. 15-0403, the Des Moines City Council approved the Iowa Great Places Grant Agreement for a \$250,000 community challenge grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the Sixth Avenue Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, the vision and goals of the Iowa Great Places Program are to have a transformative impact on community vitality and quality of life for Iowans and to align State and local resources toward cultivating the unique and authentic qualities of Iowa neighborhoods, districts, communities and regions in order to make them great places to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has developed a successful model that involves strong public-private partnerships for planning and implementing projects that serve as catalysts for neighborhood and commercial corridor revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines is currently working with 6th Avenue Corridor to plan and implement streetscape projects along Sixth Avenue that will further the revitalization efforts and private investment that has occurred along this culturally vibrant urban corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and the Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board are accepting applications from eight Iowa Great Places communities, including Des Moines, seeking funding through the Iowa Great Places Small Grants Program for projects that have a direct, demonstrable relationship to the previously awarded Iowa Great Places grants; and

WHEREAS, City staff, working with the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor, Inc., have identified the Sixth Avenue Bridge Art Installation project, for public art installation on the Sixth Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, as an ideal project to complement the previous Iowa Great Places grant award approved by Roll Call No. 15-0403, and to aid in the revitalization efforts along Sixth Avenue, and City staff recommend submitting an application for this project to the Iowa Great Places Small Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Great Places Small Grants Program requires a local match, for which the private fundraising efforts will continue to be led by the Greater Des Moines Public Art Foundation and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the Iowa Great Places Small Grants Program to aid in funding the Sixth Avenue Bridge Art Installation project, including a public art installation on the Sixth Avenue

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Bridge over the Des Moines River.

(Council Comm. No. 15-247)

MOVED by Hensley to adopt, refer to staff to explore adding Roosevelt Cultural District in this application and provide a letter of support, if appropriate.

FORM APPROVED:

Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

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

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

T. M. Franklin

Mayor