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Date January 23, 2017

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF  
A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS  
TO THE AMERICAN FEDERAL BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines has received an application from the Diocese of Des Moines, represented by Jason Kurth, Co-Chancellor, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovation of the American Federal Building (a/k/a Catholic Pastoral Center) at 601 Grand Avenue, including restoration of the opening on the second floor of the west façade caused by the removal of a skywalk bridge, replacement of all exterior glass and modification of existing curtain wall and store front framing, replacement of a limited number of site pavers and installation of landscape material, and installation of a sculpture to the east of the building; and,

WHEREAS, the American Federal Building has been designated as a local historic Landmark subject to Chapter 58, Article III of the City Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, after notice, the Landmark Review Board convened to consider the application but a quorum of members were not present; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing, it was a consensus of the members of the Landmark Review Board, by a vote of 10-0-0 that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness should be granted by the City Council on the condition that the applicant explore with staff the possibility of using larger caliper trees, replacing the non-original front entrance doors with historically appropriate doors, utilizing signage that closer relates to the era and style of the building, and consult with the State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa on the proposed sculpture.

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

1. That the City Council consider issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations to American Federal Building based on the consensus recommendation of the Landmark Review Board at a hearing to be held in the City Council Chamber, Richard A. Cark Municipal Service Center, 1551 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa at 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2017, at which time the City Council will hear both those who oppose and those who favor the proposal.
2. That notice of said proposal shall be given by publication once, not less than four nor more than 20 days before the date of hearing, as required by Iowa Code sections 386.3(4) and 362.3.



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- 3. That notice referred to above shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which contains that information required by Iowa Code section 386.4(5).

MOVED by Wensley to adopt.

FORM APPROVED:

*Thomas G. Fisher Jr.*

Thomas G. Fisher Jr.  
Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
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