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Date November 4, 2019

RESOLUTION TO **NOT REFER** TO THE LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM 3750 GRAND, LLC, 400 LOCUST STREET, SUITE 790, DES MOINES, IA 50309, REPRESENTED BY HARRY BOOKEY, TO DEMOLISH A PORTION OF THE FORMER FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BUILDING LOCATED AT 3750 GRAND AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 58-70 OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, 3750 Grand, LLC, 400 Locust Street, Suite 790, Des Moines, IA 50309 (the "Owner"), represented by Harry Bookey, owns real estate located at 3750 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa and has applied for a demolition permit to partially demolish the former First Church of Christ, Scientist building located on the real estate; and,

WHEREAS, the Church building was constructed in 1931 and displays Gothic Revival architecture characteristics and was designed by the Proudfoot, Bird, Rawson, Souers & Thomas architecture firm, the premier Iowa firm at the time; the building was determined eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Des Moines City Code section 58-70, before a demolition permit can be issued, the community development director or his designee must determine whether the building meets certain qualifications under the ordinance and if so, must refer the matter to the City Council for determination as to whether to refer the application to the Landmark Review Board; and,

WHEREAS, the community development department has determined that the permit request must be referred to City Council for review under section 58-70.

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

1. Upon consideration of the oral and written comments of all interested parties, the Council does hereby determine that the application should **NOT** be referred to the Landmark Review Board.

2. The Owner must comply with its requirements of documenting and photographing the interior and exterior of the building and to salvage for re-use as many fixtures and as much material as possible from the building to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director as provided for in Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-70(d).

3. The Community Development Department staff is hereby directed to work with the Owner to insure compliance with Des Moines Municipal Code section 58-70(d).



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4. Following compliance with section 58-70(d), and if all other requirements of the Des Moines Municipal Code are met, then the City staff may issue a demolition permit pursuant to section 26-303 and the related plumbing permit.

MOVED by Mandelbaum to adopt.

(Council Communication No. 19- 473)

FORM APPROVED:

Thomas G. Fisher Jr.
Assistant City Attorney

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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED
J. M. Frankh... Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk