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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

SUBJECT:

MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING
OF WATERBURY
NEIGHBORHOOD
FOUNDATION-
WATERBURY
NEIGHBORHOOD
ENTRANCE

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS -

To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation and the City of Des Moines for the purpose of a project to design, construct, and complete a new neighborhood entrance at Grand Avenue between Polk Boulevard and 48th Street.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Total project cost of \$60,000. City contribution of \$20,000 toward plant material (PKS137 Neighborhood Park Improvements).

RECOMMENDATION -

Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a relationship between the Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation and the City in order to facilitate a streetscape project called the "Waterbury Neighborhood Entrance Development."

BACKGROUND -

The Waterbury Neighborhood Foundation desires to undertake a project to design and construct a new neighborhood entrance at Grand Avenue between Polk Boulevard and 48th Street. The neighborhood has raised funds for an engraved brick walkway and has a probable cost associated with the entire project at approximately \$60,000.

The conceptual master plan calls for an entrance sign, markers, lighting, and landscaping to include hardy perennials, shrubs, and trees. The Foundation plans to install the brick walkway this fall. The Park and Recreation Department plans to purchase and plant \$20,000 in perennials.

The plans and specifications will have approval of the City staff prior to construction. The construction activity will meet the usual requirements of a City contract as directed by the City Engineer. The City will accept ownership of all improvements according to the agreement.

It is the intent of the City and the Waterbury Foundation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to define the roles and responsibilities of each party for operating support. Discussions to date focus on the volunteer activity of the Waterbury Neighborhood in tending to the plant material. The City will be responsible for turf maintenance such as mowing and trimming according to the maintenance standards for right-of-way property such as islands and boulevards.

The Waterbury Foundation plans to continue their fundraising efforts to achieve the completion of the conceptual master plan as presented on the map (attached to the roll call).
