

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-219

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

APRIL 22, 2002

SYNOPSIS -

To allow the Sherman Hill Association (a nonprofit neighborhood association) to salvage bricks from sidewalks that will be abandoned because of construction of Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parkway.

SUBJECT:

SALVAGE OF BRICK
WALKS

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION-

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

BACKGROUND-

SUBMITTED BY:

JIM GRANT
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

The Sherman Hill Association is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization that works to benefit the Sherman Hill Neighborhood. The Association has salvaged nonstructural items from several of the buildings that have been torn down due to the construction of MLK Parkway. The approval of the building salvage was included in the Memorandum of Agreement for MLK Parkway that mitigated impacts on historic properties.

There are approximately 750 lineal feet of brick sidewalks that will be demolished as part of the MLK Parkway. Some of the sidewalk bricks are stamped "Iowa" but most are plain brick pavers. The Park and Recreation Department does not have an identified project for the bricks and, because the amount of brick is too small for a Park and Recreation Department project, would prefer they be salvaged by the neighborhood. The Public Works Department does not do repairs to brick sidewalks and would also prefer the bricks be salvaged by the neighborhood organization. The bricks are not laid in concrete but some are buried so there will be a little work involved in the salvage.

The neighborhood association may use the bricks for a neighborhood landscaping project and may choose to sell the bricks to neighborhood residents as a fundraiser for costs incurred by moving houses from MLK Parkway. Anyone salvaging the bricks will be required to sign an agreement that holds the City harmless from any injury and that they are salvaging on behalf of the Sherman Hill Association. The salvage will need to occur on a weekend to avoid any conflict with the construction equipment in the area.
