



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**02-324**

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

**AGENDA:**

**SYNOPSIS -**

JUNE 17, 2002

Approval of a Structure Removal Contract to sell the house at 940 - 19th Street to the Sherman Hill Association for \$1 for the purpose of moving the house to 677 - 20th Street in the Sherman Hill Historic District. The structure was purchased as a part of right-of-way (ROW) for Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Parkway.

**SUBJECT:**

STRUCTURE  
REMOVAL  
CONTRACT 940 -  
19TH STREET

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**TYPE:**

The house will be sold for \$1. The City has committed \$7,500, the cost of demolition and the cost of asbestos removal, to the cost of the move. This is an eligible reimbursement from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The City has also committed \$30,524 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars to the renovation of the structure after it is moved.

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Approval.**

JIM GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

On November 19, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-3420, the City purchased property located at 940 - 19th Street as ROW for the MLK Parkway. The property is a contributing structure in the Sherman Hill Historic District.

The Sherman Hill Association has met over the past 18 months to select houses to move to the Sherman Hill Historic District. The Engineering and Community Development Departments have worked with the Sherman Hill Association to develop a moving plan for this house. This was a requirement of the Memorandum of Agreement affecting historic properties developed as a part of the MLK Parkway.

The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association intends to move the house to T. Fred Henry Park. A public hearing was held on the sale of the park to the neighborhood association on the City Council's February 18, 2002 agenda by Roll Call No. 02-491. An additional house that is owned by IDOT will also be moved to the park. Both houses will be sold to owner-occupants.

The house at 940 - 19th Street is a two-story Victorian structure of approximately 1,600 sq. ft. It is in good structural condition although it will need repairs such as removal of cover-up siding and painting, a new roof, a rebuilt porch, and plumbing and electric work throughout. The City has also committed \$30,354 of CDBG dollars to the cost of renovation of the structure. A lien will be placed against the property for that amount. The Sherman Hill Association is contributing the cost of the park to the moving project.

The City has estimated that it would cost approximately \$7,500 to demolish that part of the house that is above ground. That cost will be reimbursed to the owner at such time as a certificate of occupancy for the house at its new site has been granted. This is an eligible reimbursement.

Of the numerous houses and apartments that have been demolished as a part of the MLK Parkway project, four of the houses will have been moved to the Sherman Hill Neighborhood as infill housing. Two have been moved privately to vacant lots, and the Association will now move an additional two. The Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association has worked with the City to salvage architectural pieces of the demolished structures for renovation of existing structures in the neighborhood.

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