

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-351

AGENDA:

JULY 28, 2003

SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDATION
FROM THE
INGERSOLL
AVENUE PLANNING
COMMITTEE

TYPE:

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
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SYNOPSIS —

On the July 28, 2003, City Council agenda is a communication from the Ingersoll Avenue Planning Committee. The Committee is requesting that the Council approve their recommended planning methodology, which includes the hiring of a consultant. Their intent is to work with staff and a consultant to develop a plan that identifies feasible projects to address streetscape, parking, traffic, and redevelopment opportunities that are cost-effective and can be accomplished in a reasonable time frame. The Ingersoll Avenue Planning Committee is proposing that the City and the Ingersoll community evenly split the cost of the consultant.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Consultant costs for this project are estimated to be \$20,000 and would be split among the following sources:

SOURCES OF FUNDS

City of Des Moines/Economic Development Enterprise Fund - \$10,000

Ingersoll Area Association - \$9,500

North of Grand Neighborhood Association - \$500

Selection of the consultant and subsequent contract will be brought back to the City Council for approval.

Staff time and related costs will also be provided by the City for contract management, plan development, and other related administrative duties.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the Ingersoll Avenue Planning Committee's proposal with the understanding that the City has no funds in the current Operating Budget or Capital Improvement Program to undertake new initiatives in the Ingersoll Corridor.

BACKGROUND —

On June 3, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-1473, the City Council directed staff to work with the Ingersoll Area Association and surrounding neighborhoods to create the Ingersoll Avenue Planning Committee. The Committee's mission is to work with staff to develop a plan to improve Ingersoll Avenue.

The Council also requested the Committee work with staff to analyze short-term solutions to address temporary increase of traffic expected on Ingersoll

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Avenue during construction on Grand Avenue,; Martin Luther King, Jr., and Interstate 235 (I-235). The Council approved the Committee's recommendations on August 19, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-2115.

For the past year, the Committee has been analyzing background information, gathering initial stakeholder input, and meeting with leaders from other areas that have gone through similar planning efforts. The Committee is now ready to plan for Ingersoll's future and has discussed a variety of planning methods that have varied from working on an individual improvement to looking at the corridor holistically. On July 9, 2003, the Committee chose to recommend the following process to the Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

GOAL

Develop a plan that identifies feasible projects to address streetscape, parking, traffic, and redevelopment opportunities that are cost-effective, can be accomplished in a reasonable timeframe, and create a foundation for future projects as support and funds are identified.

SCOPE

Consultant will conduct three two-day charrettes to gather input and develop consensus. Charrettes will be broken down by 14th Street to 23rd Street, 23rd Street to 30th Street, and 30th Street to 42nd Street. From this process, the consultant will prepare a report and submit the drawings that are produced at the charrettes. The report and the drawings will focus mainly on lane configuration, on and off street parking, and streetscape improvements that are simple yet set the stage for later additions. The report and drawings will also touch on traffic calming methods and the identification of redevelopment sites.

Staff will supply necessary background information, including updated base maps and initial analysis of parking, lane configuration, traffic calming, and redevelopment opportunities. Staff will work with MidAmerican Energy Company and the Committee to explore the feasibility of reducing or removing utility poles along Ingersoll.

COST

To hire a consultant to complete the work described above would require approximately \$20,000. The Ingersoll community and the City would split the cost of the consultant. Staff time and related costs would be provided by the City. The consultant will be selected by a sub-committee that is made up of 50 percent City employees and 50 percent Committee representatives.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The Request for Proposals (RFP) document and consultant contract will include language that allows for additional services if all parties are agreeable. Additional services may include, but are not limited to, additional planning and construction document preparation.

	<p>If approved, staff will prepare an RFP that is based on the scope outlined in the Committee's recommendation. A selection committee will be formed based on the Committee's recommendation to review proposals and recommend a consultant to the Council. Prior to execution of the contract with the selected consultant, the Ingersoll Area Association and the North of Grand Neighborhood Association will transfer their funds to the City. Once a draft plan has been finalized by the Committee, it will be submitted to the Council for approval.</p>
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