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SUBJECT—

Botanical Center Trellis Repair

SYNOPSIS—

Approve an Addendum to the City of Des Moines Botanical Center Covered Trellis 28E Agreement to allow for repair to the trellis with labor provided by City of Des Moines staff ("Staff") and the cost of materials provided by the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center ("Friends").

FISCAL IMPACT—

Total cost of the materials for the project is estimated to be \$5,800 and will be provided by the "Friends". A total of 240 hours of in-house labor (carpenter and laborer) are anticipated by the City.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

By Roll Call No. 97-3691 on November 17, 1997, the City of Des Moines and the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center ("Friends") entered into a 28E Agreement in which Friends agreed to pay for the construction of a covered trellis at the Des Moines Botanical Center. Once completed in compliance with the plans and specifications approved by the City, the trellis was to become the property of the City, contingent upon verification by the City Engineer that all conditions had been met. Dissatisfaction with the choice of materials and the quality of the contractor's work led the Friends to negotiate a reduced construction cost and an early termination of the contractor resulting in a completed project that did not meet the City Engineer's approval. With funds not immediately available to invest in modification and improvements to the trellis, its condition has deteriorated over the past couple of years to the point that it now requires repair. To resolve the issues of both repair and acceptance by the City Engineer, an agreement has been reached between the City and the Friends for the City to provide all labor to make the recommended repairs, and the Friends to provide the funds to purchase all materials.

Upon approval by the City Council, staff will proceed to purchase the necessary materials and repair the structure. Upon completion and acceptance by the City Engineer, a request to the Friends for full reimbursement will be made.