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COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

GENERAL INFORMATION

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SUBJECT—

Resolution adopting the recommendation of the Landmark Review Board to issue a certificate of appropriateness for improvements to the Denman Fountain in Woodland Cemetery.

SYNOPSIS—

On September 7, 2004 The Landmarks Review Board, by a vote of 10-0, recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for an application from City of Des Moines, Engineering Department, to restore the pumping system to its original working order, restore damaged top stone, add a 1'-4" concrete ornamental wall with granite curb and light fixtures, and restore/level surrounding granite pavers to original configuration to enhance the Denman Fountain situated inside the entrance gate to Woodland Cemetery at Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Woodland Avenue. Upon receipt of the recommendation of the landmark review board, the city council shall approve, approve with modifications or deny the application.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Improvements are funded by private donation(s). Operating and maintenance expenses (approximately \$200-\$250 per year) will be absorbed in the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application.

BACKGROUND—

On August 27, 2004 the City of Des Moines Engineering Department submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration and enhancement of Denham fountain in Woodland Cemetery. Please refer to the attached application materials.

On September 7, 2004, the Landmark Review Board, by a vote of 10-0, recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for said application. Please refer to the Minutes of the September 7, 2004 Landmark Review Board Meeting for the staff analysis, staff recommendation, Landmark Review Board discussion and decision.

Section 58-62(f) of the Des Moines City Code states:

“Applications outside historic districts. Applications involving the alteration of a landmark or landmark site outside a historic district shall be recommended for approval, approval with modification or denial by the landmark review board. The board shall make a report and recommendation to the city council setting forth the vote of each member participating therein. Upon receipt of the recommendation of the landmark review board, the city council shall approve, approve with modifications or deny the application.”