

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-128	Meeting:	March 21, 2022
	Agenda Item:	66	Roll Call:	22-464
	Submitted by:	Erin Olson-Douglas, Development Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

- (A) Hearing on lease agreement with Des Moines Historical Society for a portion of vacated parkland located south of University Avenue at the northeast corner of Waveland Golf Course.
- (B) Hearing on request from Shive-Hattery for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed renovations of the Waveland Trolley Loop at 49th and University, located in the 4900 Block of University Avenue.

SYNOPSIS:

The Waveland Trolley Loop was designated a local landmark by the City Council on August 14, 2017.

The Des Moines Streetcar Friends organization in partnership with the Des Moines Historical Society have raised funds to construct hard and softscape improvements that include interpretive elements that commemorate Des Moines' streetcar history.

The proposed lease establishes the framework for ongoing maintenance responsibility for the proposed improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,000 (revenue)

Funding Source: Proceeds will be used to support general operating budget expenses: Org – EG064090.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The proposed lease is for a 20-year term with a unilateral right to review for an additional 20 years.
- The Historical Society of Des Moines would be responsible for all maintenance and operation expenses except for mowing and snow removal. These items would be handled by the City and are comparable to the responsibility the City currently has for the site.
- The lease could be reassigned to a foundation specifically set up for the maintenance of the site at such time one is formally organized.
- All improvements to a local landmark site must be reviewed by the Landmark Review Board (LRB) and approved by the City Council in accordance with Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code.

- The LRB is made up of the members of the City's Historic Preservation Commission and Urban Design Review Board.
- On October 19, 2021, the LRB voted 11-0 to recommend approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 14, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1428](#)

Action: On the designation of the Trolley Loop at 49th & University as a local landmark. ([Council Communication No. 17-583](#)) Moved by Hensley to grant the application for the Designation of the Trolley Loop at 49th & University as a local landmark; refer to the City Manager and Parks and Recreation to meet with the applicant regarding the next steps. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: October 18, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1582](#), [21-1583](#) and [21-1584](#)

Action: On vacation of parkland adjacent to Waveland Golf Course located south of and adjoining University Avenue. Moved by Voss to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) First consideration of ordinance above. Moved by Voss that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.
- (B) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Voss that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#16,054](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Landmark Review Board

Date: October 19, 2021

Resolution Number: 20-2021-4.03

Action: Recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed improvements by a consensus vote of 11-0-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Mowing and snow removal services per terms of the lease agreement.

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