


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-253	Meeting:	May 23, 2022
	Agenda Item:	33	Roll Call:	22-0806
	Submitted by:	Scott E. Sanders, City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing for amendment of lease for the Botanical Center to the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden (GDMBG).

SYNOPSIS:

This is a clarifying amendment for the Third Amendment to the Botanical Center Lease. This amendment would be clarifying that the Bravo Foundation of Greater Des Moines (BRAVO) annual commitment to the GDMBG would be \$195,000. This would be an ongoing contribution. All other terms in the Third Amendment are unchanged.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- To assist in the transfer becoming a long-term success, the City originally provided a \$2,000,000 grant funded over 10 years, to be paid in equal semi-annual installments. In addition to the City's support, annual operating support was secured through the BRAVO of \$2,450,000 funded quarterly over a 10-year period and Des Moines Water Works (DMWW) of \$2,000,000 of in-kind operating support provided over a 10-year period. Contribution from BRAVO will be an ongoing commitment of \$195,000 annually after the original 10-year period.
- In November 2021, City Council passed the Third Amendment to the Botanical Center Lease and Operation, Management, and Maintenance Agreement with the GDMBG that includes a Master Plan Refresh, new lease boundaries that will include transferring all previous responsibilities from the River Front Development Authority (RDA) regarding the Robert D. Ray Asian Garden (Asian Garden) to the GDMBG and dissolving the current RDA agreement for care and maintenance of the Asian Garden. In addition, the RDA intends to dissolve as a non-profit corporation and requested that the 2005 28E Agreement with the City be terminated.
- Since all property within the agreement remains City assets during the terms, in December of 2021, City Council also approved and Restated Urban Renewal Development Agreement with the GDMBG that continues and extends previous financial grants and added additional City investment in enhanced operations, management and maintenance via grant incentives based on significant financial investments from the GDMBG as building and expansion improvements are completed.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 6, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1826](#)

Action: [On](#) corrected Third Amendment and Restated Urban Renewal Development Agreement with the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden (GDMBG). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: April 27, 2021

Resolution Number: 21-028

Action: Motion by Potter to approve the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden Master Plan. Second by Bollard. Motion carried.

Board: Urban Design Review

Date: March 23, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: A consensus of the members present recommend approval of the Master Plan Vision.

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: October 7, 2021

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Boggus to approve requested amendment to the Plan DSM: Creating Our Tomorrow Plan to revise future land use classification and approval of the request to rezone the property. Motion carried 10-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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