


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	<b>22-497</b>	Meeting:	<b>October 24, 2022</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>58B</b>	Roll Call:	<b>22-1688</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Michael Ludwig, Interim Development Services Department Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution Approving Seventh Amendment and Supplement to Skywalk Agreement with Employers Mutual Casualty (EMC) Company for the property located at 701 Walnut Street.

### SYNOPSIS:

The property at 701 Walnut Street is subject to a Skywalk Agreement originally adopted in 1981. EMC is the successor in interest of the Skywalk Agreement affecting this property.

The purpose of this Seventh Amendment is to remove Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D and the south half of the Skywalk Corridor 7D(s) from the official skywalk map. This Seventh amendment will also extend the Skywalk Agreement terms until 2042.

### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In 2021, the City demolished Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D and reopened the Walnut Street right-of-way.
- Also in 2021, EMC presented plans to the City for construction of an Urban Park located at 701 Walnut Street, which is currently under lease to the City. With the construction of the Urban Park, the Skywalk Bridge 7C-7D and the south half of the Skywalk Corridor 7D(s) were requested by EMC to not be rebuilt in their former locations, and therefore removed from the official skywalk map.
- This Skywalk Amendment also directs construction of a stairway connecting the Urban Park to the skywalk system. This is to be completed by December 31, 2023. The stairway will be maintained as a point of public ingress and egress during the hours of the Urban Park, 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 28, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-1473](#), [17-1474](#) and [17-1475](#)

Action: [First](#) Amendment to Urban Renewal Development Agreement with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC for development of the east side of the former Younkers site at 701 Walnut Street. ([Council Communication No. 17-611](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Parking](#) License Agreement with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(B) [Sixth](#) Supplement to Skywalk Agreement with 701 Walnut Partnership, LLC. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Urban Design Review Board

Date: November 2, 2021

Resolution Number: NA

Action: Motion to approve final design and recommend approval of deletion of the demolished Skywalk Improvements from the Skywalk System Plan Map and the Official Skywalk Map as presented by Morgan Huggins. Seconded by Ward. Motion carried. Yes – 7, No – 0, Absent – 3, Abstain – 0.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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