

★ **Roll Call Number**

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Date.....January 27, 2014.....

**APPROVAL OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REAP GRANT
AGREEMENT FOR MACRAE PARK IMPROVEMENT**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) grants is to enable the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to assist grantees in the enhancement and protection of open space areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, through its Park and Recreation Department, applied for a REAP grant to help pay for the costs of improvements to MacRae Park; and

WHEREAS, the DNR has notified the City that it has been awarded a grant for 100% of development costs, up to \$300,000 in reimbursement of costs, to construct a paved recreational trail connection between the park and the Meredith Trail located north of the park across Thomas Beck Road, restore the estimated 35 acres of savanna and woodland in the park, and construct a nature trail including educational and interpretive signage throughout the restored areas; and

WHEREAS, the City's contribution is estimated at \$80,000 for planning, engineering and design, which is provided for in the City's Capital Improvement Budget; and

WHEREAS, all work specified in the project proposal must be completed by December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requires that the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund Grant Agreement, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, be executed by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund Grant Agreement for the above described grant in the amount of up to \$300,000, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved and the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such Grant Agreement to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents on behalf of the City as the Iowa Department of Natural Resources may reasonably request and that are necessary to bind the City, subject to approval as to form by the Legal Department.

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Moved by Mahaffey to approve.

Approved as to Form:

Ann DiDonato

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Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
COLEMAN				✓
GRAY	✓			
HENSLEY				✓
MAHAFFEY	✓			
MOORE	✓			
VOSS	✓			
TOTAL	5			2
MOTION CARRIED				APPROVED

J. M. Franklin Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Diane Rauh City Clerk