

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
RENOVATING CAMPUSTOWN COURT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Ames, Iowa State University and ISU Government of the Study Body (GSB) have collectively committed \$68,000 to renovate Campustown Court, located at the corner of Welch and Chamberlain Avenues.

Initially the City Council had authorized \$25,000 in the Capital Improvement Plan to renovate this park. Staff then worked with the Student Affairs Commission and an ISU Landscape Architecture class to finalize renovation plans for this site. Based upon the architecture's class proposal, the estimated construction budget increased to \$68,000. To fund \$43,000 in additional improvements, members of the City's Student Affairs Commission received \$20,000 in funding from GSB and \$23,000 from the ISU administration.

The base bid includes:

- Limestone planters
- Replacement of the concrete slab
- Limestone seating
- Plant material

Add alternates include:

- An overhead shade structure in the center of the park
- A raised performance stage in the southeast corner of the park
- Sixteen colored brick pavers incorporated into the concrete slab (City colors of green and blue and ISU colors of red and gold)
- Two lighted bollards

Construction work on this project will begin in December with an anticipated completion date of April 15. A ribbon-cutting ceremony should occur prior to the end of ISU's spring semester.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve plans and specifications to renovate Campustown Court, and establish November 12, 2008 as the bid due date and November 25, 2008 to report bids and award a contract.
2. Delay this project

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Through the leadership of the City's Student Affairs Commission and active partnering by the University administration and the GSB, this project is a tremendous example of "One Community" in action. The additional funding provided by ISU and the GSB assure that the ISU landscape architecture class's proposal will become a reality.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative 1, thereby approving plans and specifications to renovate Campustown Court, establishing November 12, 2008 as the bid due date and establishing November 25, 2008 for report of bids and award of contract.

# CAMPUSTOWN COURT Renovation Project

