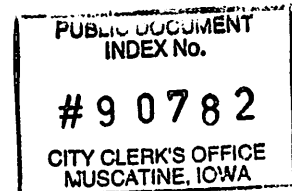


MEMORANDUM  
April 12, 2009



TO: AJ Johnson, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation *AKS*  
SUBJECT: Request Approval-Purchase Order for Zoo Garden Construction Project

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for approval of a purchase order for construction services for the Weed Park Zoo Garden Project.

As you may recall, the Muscatine Recreation Advisory Commission at the October 3, 2007 meeting approved the concept plan of the Weed Park Zoo Garden Project subject to 100% outside funding. Additionally, the Muscatine City Council at the October 5, 2007 in-depth meeting also approved the Weed Park Zoo Garden Project subject to 100% outside funding.

Bids were solicited for and received for construction services to build the Weed Park Zoo Garden. Four (4) proposals were sent out with one timely submitted bid that met the requested services. As the attached memo from Les Dennis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor will show, Kellor & Kellor submitted a bid for \$73,892.00. We feel that the uniqueness of this project combined with massive volunteer coordination was a major contributing factor in the limited bids received.

Funding for this project will be mainly through receiving a \$70,788.00 Resource Enhancement and Protection Fund Grant between the City of Muscatine and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The remaining \$3104.00 was raised through private fund raising efforts by the Zoo Garden Committee. Additionally, \$20,000.00 has been raised to date for a maintenance fund to support this project.

At this time, City Staff would request that the Muscatine City Council approve a purchase order to Kellor & Kellor Landscaping for \$73,892.00 for Construction Services for the Weed Park Zoo Garden Project.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

C: Les Dennis, Park Maintenance Supervisor  
Maryrose Peterschmidt, Zoo Garden Committee Chairperson

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation  
**FROM:** Les Dennis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor  
**DATE:** April 11, 2009  
**SUBJECT:** Zoo Garden

A community group has come forward with a plan and funding for a garden plan for the former Zoo site. We solicited bids and received one response from Kellor & Kellor Landscaping for \$73,892. The project cost will have no impact on the City as the funds were raised through an IDNR REAP Grant and local fundraising. After a review of the project, we are prepared to move forward with awarding a contract to Kellor & Kellor for construction services.

## Weed Park Zoo Garden Project

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March 24, 2009

Mr. Rich Klimes  
Parks and Recreation Department  
Muscatine City Hall  
Muscatine, IA

Dear Rich,

A large part of the effort required to make the Weed Park Zoo Garden a reality is the utilization of volunteers during the construction phase of the project. We, the Zoo Garden Committee, have extended to those interested, a promise to put their talents and energy to good use. They will be helping with the planting of perennials and shrubs, hauling mulch, demolishing the old overlooks or whatever task that will help complete the project.

We have enlisted the aid of individuals through the Master Gardener Program. Also, members of the Muscatine Garden Club, Scout Troops, the "Log Cabin Guys" and others have asked to help.

Those who have volunteered to date include:

Susan Baer, Jim Bras, Jim Burr, Sara Carroll, Doug Cocklin, Dave Cooney, Mary Danner, Stephanie Derbin, Gail Dieckman, Doug Dingler, Tom Forsmark, Leona Fortenbacher, Mary Hildebrant, Sue Hills, Janet Hoopes, Jan Koellner, Elizabeth Maurer, Laura McGinnis, Mary McKenna, Cynthia Morgan, Karen Mullen, John Peterschmidt, Charlie Smith, Victoria Sojka, Cory and Rose Spicknall, Deveraux Spicknall, Cindy Wagler, Linda Wells and Barb Woods. Several Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops have also volunteered. The list of volunteers must also include the Weed Park Zoo Garden Committee, which consists of Maryrose Peterschmidt, Marci Stephens, Sue Robinson, Dave Metz, and Paul Carroll.

This list should give you an idea of the numbers of volunteers involved. We are looking forward to mobilizing the troops and working in a coordinated effort to complete the Weed Park Zoo Garden this summer.

Sincerely,  
Weed Park Zoo Garden Committee  
Maryrose Peterschmidt, Chair

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# Join the Zoo Garden Team!



## What is the Zoo Garden?

Remember the zoo at Weed Park? Remember Dolly the elephant? Its time to do something new with this space! Today 30 years after the zoos closing our group has developed an idea that will not only beautify the park and attract visitors, but also pay tribute to the old zoo.

We propose to convert the old zoo area into a Zoo Garden. What's a Zoo Garden? A garden where all the plants have animal names. Each area of the garden will have a different layout, but all will be characterized by the use of shrubs, trees, ground cover and decorative objects such as birdhouses, fences, gates and trellises.



**We need your help to make this possible! There are many areas in this project that you can get involved with. We need volunteers to do fund raising, planning and planting of the gardens. Is your organization looking for a community project? This might be the one for you!**

**This is a project for people of all ages, a great fun project for the family and a way to introduce kids to gardening.**

The Zoo Garden Project is completely funded by donations. No city or county tax dollars are being used for its creation or future up-keep.

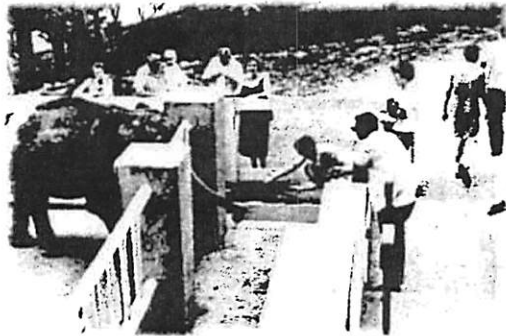
The Project is an I.R.S. 501(C)(3) non-profit organization operating through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine County.





## It's Time to Stop Monkeying Around!

Projects like the Zoo Garden at Weed Park Zoo make our Muscatine a better place for all of us to live and enjoy. This is your chance to get involved and help make your community a better place for all.



The Weed Park Zoo Garden Project is an I.R.S. 501(C)(3) non-profit organization operating through the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine County. The foundation can show you how charitable giving may help your tax situation.

Contact Executive Director Judi Holdorf for further information.

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Enclose the above form and mail your donation to:  
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