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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA REQUEST TO RAZE TWO BUILDINGS

Action Requested: Recommend the Board approve the razing of two obsolete buildings on the University of Iowa campus.

Iowa Code §262.11 and the Board's *Policy Manual* Chapter 2.3 section 2D require the Board to approve the disposal of buildings with an estimated cost of \$25,000 or more.

Executive Summary: These two brick buildings have significant deferred maintenance issues, are in need of significant energy conservation improvements and are beyond their useful lives. Removal of these buildings is in concert with the university's master plan.

Building #1: 1360 Melrose Avenue (University Athletic Club)

Built in 1957, this facility has a 12,475 square foot building, an outdoor swimming pool and tennis courts. It has historically served as a private club called the "University Athletic Club." It was sold to the university in the wake of the 2008 flood, when the Iowa Memorial Union flooded and the university had commercial kitchen, ballroom and other space needs.

The university has continued to operate the facility as a private club, but has experienced declining membership and relies on financial support from the university's General Fund. The university has notified members that it would close it at the end of this football season. Keeping the outdated facility, with substantial deferred maintenance needs, does not serve the university's interest or fit the long-term campus master plan.

The university intends to redevelop the land with a third-party developer. Approved by the Board in August 2017, the university is also in the process of constructing the new Finkbine Golf Course Clubhouse to the west (see map on next page), which would serve some of the same functions as the University Athletic Club.

Building #2: 212 Myrtle Avenue

Built in 1920, this house contains 2,748 square feet. It has historically been leased to childcare providers during the academic year and stands vacant during the summer months. The tenant is no longer interested in leasing it due to the house's age and fewer customers. The house is past its useful life. Nearly 75% of it is surrounded by a university parking lot and currently has no other university use.

Following demolition, both properties would be restored to green spaces.

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