PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE 7 SEPTMEBER 7-8, 2016

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA REQUEST TO RAZE ONE BUILDING

<u>Action Requested</u>: Consider recommending to the Board approval to raze 300 Myrtle Avenue in Iowa City.

Executive Summary: The University requests approval to raze a residential-style building at 300 Myrtle Avenue in Iowa City (see Attachment A). Originally constructed as a single family residence around 1920, this two-story wood structure has approximately 1,900 square feet above ground. The University has owned it since 1965. The most recent use was a day care center from 1997 to 2015. While the property was modified numerous times over those 18 years, the age and condition of the building no longer make it suitable as an accredited, modern day care facility. The aged structure has been vacant since the day care facility left in 2015 and has now reached the end of its useful life.

Razing the structure was chosen because the property would require substantial renovation to comply with modern building codes, energy efficiency regulations, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility. The property has no historic significance and has limited value to the University.

The property is on the southern edge of campus with a residential neighborhood on one side and a University parking lot on the other. Following the demolition, the property would be restored to green space and serve as a buffer between the parking lot and the adjoining residential neighborhood.

