



Council Communication No. 97-370

SYNOPSIS —

On the July 7, 1997 agenda is a roll call to approve a request from the Skywalk Commission to name the new skywalk bridge which connects the Federal Building and Civic Center the James A. Thompson Skywalk Bridge.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

James A. Thompson, former Traffic and Transportation Director who retired on December 31, 1996, was a dedicated City employee who tirelessly gave of his time and effort to this project. It was his dream that the City have skywalk bridges; and through all of his early work of delving into the issue of skywalks, his dream became a reality. The Skywalk Commission voted unanimously on November 21, 1996, that it would be appropriate to honor James A. Thompson.

Analysis

In the past, based upon recommendations of the Skywalk Commission, the City (by action of its Mayor and Council) has officially recognized and publicly honored persons whose long dedication and service has led to the successful development of the City skywalk system. Mayor Richard E. Olson was so recognized as the elected City official whose vision and leadership led to the original development of the skywalks. William C. Leachman, was so recognized as an appointed original member of the Skywalk Commission, who was instrumental in setting the standards of quality followed in the development of the system. In both instances, skywalk bridges have been named in their honor.

Other Review

The Skywalk Commission made a motion at their November 21, 1996 meeting to recommend to

the Council that they approve this request.

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