

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

99-068

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Purchase of block and section signs for Glendale Cemetery.

FEBRUARY 22, 1999

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

Funds in the amount of \$45,350 to be allocated from Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to purchase 53 block and 86 section signs (see Attachment I & II for design and size).

GLENDALE
CEMETERY SIGNS

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

Visitors to Glendale Cemetery routinely find it difficult to locate the gravesite of a loved one. There currently are no street signs, and blocks are marked by one very small metal placard. Staff has prepared maps for visitors, which can be picked up at the cemetery office. For many visitors, particularly older citizens, the maps are inadequate, and staff spends considerable time going into the cemetery to assist them.

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The Citizens Cemetery Committee researched the issue thoroughly. The Committee quickly realized a signage system and maps were needed. Materials and designs were then evaluated. After several months of discussion and obtaining cost estimates, the Committee agreed that a natural gray granite with black lithochrome lettering would require the least maintenance, be the most enduring, and provide the most easily read and aesthetically pleasing lettering. A less expensive and equally attractive resin granite composite was

given serious consideration, but the vendor would not guarantee its longevity.

On February 9, 1999, by Resolution #99-118, the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved the proposal as presented herein. To prevent any possible conflict with existing Cemetery Ordinance (Chapter 15, Article VII, paragraph 15-48, Signs, Notices, and Advertisements: "No signs, notices, advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the cemetery."), an amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance is being recommended simultaneously to allow for the placement of directional signs in the cemeteries by the City.

Attachments