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**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

01-510

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

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 8, 2000

SYNOPSIS -

SUBJECT:

RECOMMENDED
STREET NAME
CHANGES TO
INDIANOLA
AVENUE, CLIFTON
AVENUE, AND
MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.
PARKWAY

In order to alleviate concerns and potential confusion related to the naming of streets and addressing of property, a committee has been meeting to make recommendations to resolve problem areas. This matter becomes increasingly more important as the City continues to utilize more fully automation systems that demand unique property addresses and street names (911, Tidemark, HEAT, etc.).

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

This committee has been reviewing some problem areas such as Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Army Post Road, Indianola Avenue, Highway 65, Highway 28, and other areas. As a result of this review, it is recommended that the following street names be changed to resolve these concerns:

SUBMITTED BY:

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COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

1. The north/south section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from its intersection with Fleur Drive to the North City Limits would retain the name of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. No one would be affected since they already have addresses on Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

2. The east/west section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway from its intersection with Fleur Drive east to the Des Moines River would be named SW Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. No one would be affected since no one currently has any addresses on this street.

3. The section of Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway east of the Des Moines River would be named SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. No one would be affected at this time since the street has not been constructed.

4. Indianola Avenue between SE 1st and SW 7th Street would be changed to East Clifton Avenue from SE 1st Street to South Union and Clifton Avenue from South Union west to SW 7th Street. Only five businesses, one home, one church, and one school would need to change their street name, not their addresses.

5. According to current street naming requirements in the City Code

(Section 102-221 through 227) Indianola Avenue east of South Union should be named having an East in front of the street name. Since it has been addressed as north/south street from SE 1st Street to the South City Limits, the committee recommends that the street be named Indianola Avenue from South Union to the South City Limits, thus leaving all the addresses intact and only requiring notification of the street name change from East Indianola Avenue to Indianola Avenue.

6. The segment from the Raccoon River Bridge to South Union should be named SW Indianola Avenue since it lies west of the division line. No addresses would need to be changed only notification of change of street name would be required.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Cost of signage for the streets with names changed.

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive/file and send to Plan and Zoning Commission for a public hearing and a recommendation for these street name changes.

BACKGROUND -

There are a number of streets in Des Moines that have problems not meeting current City Code (section 102-221 through 227) requirements for street naming. In addition, 911 emergency notification needs to have any conflicts resolved so police and fire can respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies, and so the computer systems used by the City (HEAT, Tidemark, etc.) can accurately track data. These recommendations for street name changes meet those needs and resolve current conflicts. It is expected that City staff will continue to review and recommend modifications to street naming when conflicts are discovered.
