

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**02-042**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

To rename the Greenwood Park Rose Garden the Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden.

JANUARY 28, 2002

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**SUBJECT:**

None.

RENAMING OF  
GREENWOOD PARK  
ROSE GARDEN IN  
HONOR OF CLARE  
AND MILES MILLS

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**TYPE:**

**BACKGROUND -**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

On January 21, 2002, Horticulture Manager Matt Rosen received a packet of information from Sara Hill proposing that the Greenwood Park Rose Garden be renamed the Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden. In support of this request, Mrs. Hill attached letters from David Kruidenier, Katie Meredith, Karen Strohbeen, Bill Luchsinger, and the Des Moines Founders Garden Club. Copies of all of the correspondence are attached to the roll call.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DON TRIPP  
PARK &  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

Life long horticulturists and rosarians, Clare and Miles Mills have played a significant role in the ongoing development and upkeep of the Greenwood Park Rose Garden. As charter members of the Rose Garden Advisory Committee, the Mills have given unendingly of their time and expertise helping to shepherd the garden through good times and bad.

Clare and Miles have been active on the Board of the Des Moines Botanical Center. Clare served as Co-Chair of the first Garden Fair Benefit Plant Sale, and Miles served as past Secretary and Chair of the Development Committee. For many years, Clare and Miles jointly taught courses and gave lectures on rose culture at the Botanical

Center and throughout Central Iowa.

As described in the article that appeared in the spring 2002 edition of Garden Ideas and Outdoor Living (also attached to the roll call), Clare and Miles have one of the premier private gardens in Des Moines featuring more than 400 roses.

The timing of this request is linked to Mrs. Mills' health, which at this time is fragile. At their January 22, 2002 meeting, the Park and Recreation Board unanimously approved the re-naming of the Greenwood Park Rose Garden to the Clare and Miles Mills Rose Garden.

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