

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATIO
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AGENDA:

DECEMBER 22,
2003

SUBJECT:

NAMING THE
TENNIS COURTS
AT BIRDLAND
PARK AS THE
"MIKE
MCPHERSON
TENNIS
COMPLEX"

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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RECREATION
DIRECTOR

ITEM _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

Approval to name the Tennis Courts at Birdland Park after retiring Council Member Mike McPherson.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

Since 1987, Council Member Mike McPherson has served as the Ward II Council person on the Des Moines City Council. During his terms of service, Council Member McPherson was a strong advocate for quality tennis facilities and instruction for children through the Des Moines park system. In particular, Council Member McPherson worked hard in assisting the City to rebuild the Birdland Tennis courts after the flood of 1993. Additionally Councilmember McPherson supported improvements to other facilities including Gay Lea Wilson Trail, Union, Belle Turner, Grandview, Easttown Parks and Teachout Pool.

Through his career as a community leader on the Des Moines City Council and his avid support for park and recreation opportunities to the citizens of Des Moines, staff is recommending that the tennis courts at Birdland Park be named the "Mike McPherson Tennis Complex".

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Board met on December 16, 2003, and approved the request to name the Birdland Tennis Courts as the "Mike McPherson Tennis Complex".

