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SUBJECT—

Approving private construction contract between the Hansen Company, Inc. and Meredith Corporation Foundation for Meredith Trail Enhancements, \$1,012,823.00.

SYNOPSIS—

This private construction contract between Meredith Corporation Foundation and Hansen Company, Inc. includes construction of the 9th Street Overlook, benches on the Jackson Avenue Bridge, the Southern Trail Connector from the Jackson Avenue Bridge to the 1st Street Bridge and modifications to the 1st Street Bridge.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The work is valued at \$1,012,823. All project costs will be paid by Meredith Corporation Foundation.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

On March 7, 2005, by Roll Call 05-609, City Council approved a 28E agreement with the Meredith Corporation Foundation accepting a charitable gift to allow Meredith to undertake a project to design, construct and complete certain improvements and additions to the American Discovery Trail Riverpoint segment and the Fleur Trail Connection.

The improvements are being done under a private construction contract. Meredith Corporation Foundation will be making payments directly to the contractor, Hansen Company. The Meredith Corporation Foundation has proposed the following enhancements to the Meredith Trail: construction of the 9th Street Overlook, benches on the Jackson Avenue Bridge, Southern Trail Connector from the Jackson Avenue Bridge to the 1st Street Bridge and modifications to the 1st Street Bridge.

The provided plans are consistent with concept drawings presented previously to City staff, the Urban Design Review Board and the Access Advisory Board. Discussions are underway to further evaluate the design south of the 1st Street Bridge to provide possible trailhead parking. Work is scheduled to begin April 4, 2005 or following receipt of required approvals and permits. Work on the 1st Street Bridge will begin immediately after closing the bridge to vehicular traffic.

After the bridge's completion, the City will experience some additional operational and maintenance expenditure from the Park and Recreation Department and the Public Works Department. Park and Recreation operation and maintenance costs associated with this bridge are included in a \$51,000 estimate for maintenance of the Riverpoint Trail portion of the American Discovery Trail, the Meredith Enhancements and the Fleur Trail Connector. Approximately \$14,000 of these costs are included in the Capital Improvements Program under PKS990000, PKS045 and the rest are included in the Park and Recreation operating budget. The Public Works Department will have increased costs in their normal clearing of debris from the bridge. The design of the bridge will necessitate equipment that the City does not have access to, so it will be necessary to rent equipment. Because the conditions of the river vary from year to year, it is difficult to estimate the cost. Staff expects the cost to range from \$2,700 to \$11,000 a year.