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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

SUBJECT—

Renaming Hawthorne Park.

SYNOPSIS—

Approves renaming Hawthorne Park to Pete Crivaro Park.

FISCAL IMPACT—

There will be minor costs for new signage to be paid from the Parks operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

Pete Crivaro Park is a pocket park that has been located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Robert D Ray Drive and Grand Avenue between City Hall and the Armory buildings since its dedication in October 1986. It was named for the late Pete Crivaro, who was Mayor of Des Moines from 1980-1986.

As a part of the Principal Riverwalk development, the site has been proposed for the installation of an ice-skating plaza/fountain. This new feature will be built with all donated funds. In return for the contribution, the donor has requested naming rights for the new facility.

The Crivaro family has graciously agreed to relinquish the Crivaro name at this park site in return for recognizing the Crivaro name at another City facility. During discussion with John Crivaro, Pete Crivaro's son, one of the proposed facilities for potential re-naming was Hawthorne Park. It is located off

SE 14th Street and E Railroad Avenue next to the Des Moines River. It is one of several City parks that played a part in the development of the Crivaro family in Des Moines. The park has recently had a new master plan approved by the Park and Recreation Board, and the Crivaro family found the design plan for the park's redevelopment very attractive. A large new shelter with a Southwest flair was recently approved for the park by the City Council (Roll Call No. 05-1440) and will be under construction this summer.

At its regular monthly meeting on June 28, 2005, the Park and Recreation Board approved this proposal and recommended it to the Des Moines City Council.