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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

SUBJECT—

Naming the Des Moines Trail System.

SYNOPSIS—

This action approves naming the Des Moines Trail System for former City of Des Moines Mayor John Pat Dorrian

FISCAL IMPACT—

None

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

In appreciation for his generosity and contributions to trail development within the City, staff proposes to name the entire City trail system after John Pat Dorrian who served as the City's Mayor from 1987-1996. It is appropriate that Mayor Dorrian be recognized in such a magnanimous manner because of his dedication to the early beginnings of the City's growing trail system. Shortly after taking office, he began the Mayor's Annual Ride (MAR), 15- and 25-mile bicycle rides that are some of the earliest group rides of each year. All proceeds from the MAR go to assist with trail development in the City. Mayor Dorrian also worked each year while in office to provide capital funding for trail development through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget, and he is a bicycle rider himself.

The John Pat Dorrian Trail System will be recognized by trail maps, trail brochures, and all related trail materials distributed throughout the City and metro area. Kiosks will be constructed at several trail entry points into the City from the suburbs and will welcome trail users and display information recognizing Mayor John Pat Dorrian and the John Pat Dorrian Trail System.

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 for further action.