



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 32

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-602

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

AGENDA HEADING:

Addition of King-Irving Trail Segment to the City of Des Moines Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to add a trail segment to connect the King-Irving neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods into the City's multi-use trail system. This change was requested by the neighborhood association. The addition of the trail segment to the City's Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map allows the City to prepare for a portion of this future trail during construction of a sewer project in the Chautauqua Ravine and to plan for this trail segment in future CIP budgets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: unknown

Funding Source: Approval of adding the King-Irving Trail to the City's Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map will allow the Parks Department to start planning for it in future CIP budgets so that matching grants for the trail can be requested, CIP funds can be allocated, and eventual construction of the trail can be completed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For many years since the mid-1970s, the City of Des Moines has identified and catalogued proposed trails within its boundaries. In 1998, the local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a transportation planning body that receives and administers federal funding, assumed responsibility for mapping proposed trails, both on street and off-street, for many cities in the metro Des Moines area. In creating the first bicycle pedestrian map, the MPO solicited each City's existing records and maps and generated a "new, updated" map.

On November 11, 2002, the Park and Recreation Board's Bicycle and Recreational Trails Committee voted unanimously to recommend the revised map to the Park and Recreation Board. It was approved and forwarded to the City Council who also adopted it on December 7, 2002. It was decided that in the future, any new proposed trail, whether on or off street, must be reviewed by the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Board, and City Council before being added to the official, updated Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map.

The “King-Irving Trail” will be a 10’ wide asphalt trail that will start in the Chautauqua Ravine near 13th Street and Chautauqua Parkway. It will follow the ravine and cross Hickman Road at Burlington Terrace. The trail will then follow the Des Moines River through Crocker Woods and Prospect Park to the Inter Urban Trail near the Des Moines River trail bridge. The King-Irving Neighborhood Association as part of their adopted neighborhood plan is proposing this trail.

Staff recommends adding this trail segment to the City’s Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map so that Parks staff can work with other City staff to plan and implement this trail segment (see attached map of trail segment). Wastewater will be planning for a new sewer through the Chautauqua Ravine and will work with the neighborhood and Parks staff to grade for the trail path through the ravine once the sewer has been placed.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 16, 2002

Roll Call Number: 02-2976

Action: Revised Trails Plan for the City to include both on-street and off-street trails, and to replace existing Trails Plan maintained by the local Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO). ([Council Communication No. 02-640](#)). Moved by Hensley to approve. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Vlassis.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: April 25, 2006, Park and Recreation Board

Roll Call Number: 06-033

Action: Approved the addition of the King-Irving Trail segment to the City’s Multi-Use Trail Facilities Master Plan Map

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

The King-Irving Trail will be forwarded to the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) and placed on their Bicycle and Trails Map. Once the trail is on the MPO map, Parks staff will start planning the trail into future CIP budgets and will work with planners of the sewer project through the Chautauqua Ravine to grade for the trail once the sewer project is completed.