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	Agenda Item No. 33 Roll Call No. 08- Communication No. 08-635 Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park & Recreation Director	

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve request to the Army Corps of Engineers for trail design as part of the Central Place Levee.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of request to the Army Corps of Engineers for design of a trail as part of the new Central Place Levee. The new Central Place Levee is currently under design, but does not include a trail. This request would allow the Army Corps of Engineers to design a trail along with the levee. The City could delay construction of the trail until funding is available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Up to \$50,000

Funding Source: 2008-2009 CIP, Recreation Trail Improvements, PKS045, CP040PKS990000
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The current plans for the Central Place levee do not include a trail to be constructed as part of the levee. The Design Agreement with the Corps of Engineers allows the City to request the design of betterments. The City is responsible for all costs associated with the design of the trail. The Army Corps of Engineers has provided an estimate for the design of a trail as part of the Central Place levee. The design of the trail can be added without impacting the schedule for designing the levee.

The addition of a trail design on the Central Place levee allows the City to have a trail on the west side of the Des Moines River that could eventually connect to the Inter-Urban Trail in Beavertdale. (See attached map for the potential trail location of Central Place levee, and existing and planned trails in the area of the levee.) On the south end of the trail, potential connections will include the Principal Riverwalk and on the north end connections will include the River Bend Neighborhood with the potential to extend the trail through Prospect Park to the Inter-Urban Trail. By designing the trail with the levee it allows the Parks and Recreation Department to plan for future funding of the trail after the levee is constructed. Incorporating the trail considerations as part of the Army Corps of Engineers levee design will reduce the need to rework the levee or make modifications to add a trail at a later time.

The Army Corps of Engineers has advised that the majority of settling along a levee occurs in the first year, so it may be advantageous for the City to delay construction of the trail until after the levee has been constructed. This will allow time to budget funding for the trail and attempt to secure grant funding for a portion of the trail construction.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1468

Action: Authorization to submit request and enter into an agreement with Corps of Engineers to advance funds up to \$750,000 to complete design of Birdland and Central Place levees. (Council Communication No. 08-480) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Vlassis

Date: March 20, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-497

Action: Approving Design Agreement with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for design of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers Project for Flood Protection, not to exceed \$298,000. (Council Communication No. 06-143) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Nays: Kiernan and Mahaffey.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Budget funds for construction of the trail in future capital improvement budgets.

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