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	Agenda Item No. 62 Roll Call No. <u>09-</u> Communication No. <u>09-295</u> Submitted by: Richard A. Clark, City Manager	

AGENDA HEADING:

Adoption of a policy for the naming/renaming of streets, facilities, park facilities and park land in the City of Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the attached policy for the City Council to retain the exclusive rights to name and rename city streets, facilities, park facilities and park land in the City of Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

At the Council meeting of January 26, 2009, by roll call 09-138, Council directed staff to research issues related to the naming/renaming of city buildings, streets and public property and at the Council meeting of March 9, 2009 by roll call 09-405 directed staff to draft a naming policy for such property.

Staff conducted research of other city’s naming policies throughout the state and country and have drafted a policy which includes the following:

- A procedure to follow which includes public-initiated requests, council initiated requests, staff verification and review, city boards/commission evaluation and council review, public participation and installing or replacing signage
- Consideration and criteria for naming/renaming
- Exceptions to the policy

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 26, 2009

Roll Call No.: 09-138

Action: Request from Council Member Brian Meyer to discuss creation of a process to name City Buildings. Moved by Meyer to refer to the City Manager and Legal for review and recommendation. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: March 9, 2009

Roll Call No.: 09-405

Action: Request from Council Members Brian Meyer and Christine Hensley to refer renaming of Archie Brooks Community Center to the City Manager and to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and recommendation. Moved by Meyer to refer to the City Manager and the Parks and Recreation Board the issue of renaming the Archie Brooks Community Center for review and recommendation, and to return to Council with a recommendation for the Community Center in conjunction with a recommended naming policy. Motion Carried 6-0. Council Member Vlassis declares a conflict of interest and abstains from voting.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Date: March 24, 2009

Roll Call No.: 09-028

Action: Park and Recreation Board received and filed the process of renaming a community center and requested to delay board recommendation on community center naming until the City Council adopts a naming policy.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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