



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 7A
Roll Call No. 10-
Communication No. 10-070
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.
City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Recreation Trail Signage Program - Phase 1 at Various Locations - Receiving bids, (2-23-10), and Setting date of hearing, (3-8-10). (Construction Estimate - \$141,244).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council proceed with construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. This project includes construction of trail heads, trail informational panels, and trail informational hubs on the Bill Riley Trail at Ashworth Park and the Meredith Trail at Gray's Lake Park

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$141,244 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source:

\$15,000 Breedlove Memorial donations
\$4,500 Capital Striders Fund donations
\$121,744 2009-2010 CIP, Page Park-22, Recreation Trails, PKS045, G. O. Bonds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Recreation Trail Signage Program - Phase 1 at Various Locations, 11-2007-003. The improvement includes construction of trail heads, trail information panel, trail information hubs, and other incidental items; in accordance with the contract documents, including Plans File Nos. 515-021/036, on the Bill Riley Trail at Ashworth Park (which will be the Breedlove Memorial) and the Meredith Trail at Gray's Lake Park, Des Moines, Iowa.

The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the City Engineer's Office.

These trail head informational panels will be the first step in implementing the *Communication Master Plan for the Central Iowa Trails*. The Master Plan was organized by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and sponsored by the City of Des Moines along with 19 other local governments within Boone, Warren, Story and Polk Counties.

The Plan was completed by Shive-Hattery, Inc. on April 27, 2006, and proposes a uniform design for trail markers, directional standards, information panels, information hubs and off-trail directional signs for the *Central Iowa Trails*.

Since FY 2007, the Park and Recreation Department has been budgeting for implementation, such that \$255,500 in G.O. bonds has now been reserved for this project.

A second component of this project will be directional standards and informational panels. Only the trailheads and information hubs are required to be processed through the Engineering Department. The remainder of the project will be managed by the Park and Recreation Department and processed through the Purchasing Division.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Park and Recreation Board

Date: April 25, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-031

Action: Receive and file the trail signage master plan. Moved by Koenig-VandeHaar. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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