

# **Council Communication**

Office of the City Manager

**Date:** July 25, 2011

Agenda Item No. 30

Roll Call No. <u>11-1296</u>

Communication No. <u>11-495</u>

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

Recreation

#### **AGENDA HEADING:**

Approving a Second Addendum to the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Chapter 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the City of Pleasant Hill for cost-sharing of a planned Central Iowa Trail Information Hub sign in Copper Creek Lake Park.

# **SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Second Addendum to the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Chapter 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the City of Pleasant Hill for cost-sharing of a planned Central Iowa Trail Information Hub sign to be located in Copper Creek Lake Park, on property owned by Pleasant Hill and currently located within the boundaries of Des Moines. The City of Pleasant Hill would be contributing \$8,500, or approximately half of the cost of the \$17,148.75 sign.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

<u>Amount</u>: \$17,148.75. Revenue resulting from this action would be an \$8,500 payment from the City of Pleasant Hill to the City of Des Moines.

Funding Source: FY2011-2012 CIP, Recreation Trails, PKS045, page Park Improvements-17.

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On January 22, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-338, City Council approved an Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Pleasant Hill for development of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail, which at that time was known as the "Four Mile Creek Greenway Trail." On August 7, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-3396, City Council approved an addendum to the 28E Agreement with the City of Pleasant Hill to share equally in the cost of additional expenses associated with construction of the trail. This second addendum is to share in the cost of an information hub which will be located along the Gay Lea Wilson Trail at Copper Creek Lake Park, which serves as a gateway to the portion of the Gay Lea Wilson Trail that runs along Four Mile Creek within the City of Des Moines.

Trail information hubs are a recommendation of the *Communication Master Plan for the Central Iowa Trails*, which was completed on April 27, 2006. The plan was organized by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and was sponsored by the City of Des Moines along with nineteen other local governments within Boone, Warren, Story, and Polk Counties. The plan proposes Uniform Trail Signage design for trail markers, directional standards,

information panels, information hubs and off-trail directional signs for the Central Iowa Trails. The City of Des Moines began implementation of the Uniform Trail Signage program along its trails in 2010.

On January 24, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-0118, City Council approved an award for the second implementation phase to Eagle Sign Co. in the amount of \$117,462.15. This award consisted of eighteen directional standards, one information panel, and two information hubs, one of which is the planned Gay Lea Wilson Trail trailhead sign outlined in this addendum.

The location of this information hub is on a portion of land at Copper Creek Lake Park, which is owned by the City of Pleasant Hill, but within the City of Des Moines municipal boundaries. The Gay Lea Wilson Trail is located in multiple jurisdictions, with a northeasterly portion extending from Des Moines' Four Mile Creek through Polk County, Pleasant Hill and Altoona, and a planned route extending from Des Moines' northwestern leg through Polk County to Ankeny (construction on a segment of this extension is scheduled to commence in summer/fall 2011). The sign will benefit both the City of Des Moines and the City of Pleasant Hill by providing trail users with two large 72" x 58" trail system maps which identify routes and various destinations and amenities along this trail and the overall Central Iowa Trail System.

The addendum outlines the City of Des Moines' responsibilities to include design, preparation of bid documents, procurement, and installation; Pleasant Hill is responsible for removal of an existing concrete slab and bench located in the area designated for the information hub. Pleasant Hill is also required to accept ownership and maintenance of the information hub upon completion.

On March 22, 2011, the Pleasant Hill City Council approved a proposal for implementation of Uniform Trail Signage on their city's trails, including the appropriation of \$8,500 for this information hub. Approval of this Second Addendum to the Gay Lea Wilson Trail Chapter 28E Agreement between the two cities is on the Pleasant Hill City Council agenda for Tuesday, July 26, 2011.

#### PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

<u>Date</u>: January 24, 2011

Roll Call Number: 11-0118

<u>Action</u>: <u>Eagle</u> Sign Co. (John Nagle, President) for recreational trail signage for use by the Park & Recreation Department, \$117,462.15. (Ten bids mailed, two received). **Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.** 

Date: August 7, 2000

Roll Call Number: 00-3396

<u>Action</u>: Addendum to the Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with the City of Pleasant Hill for construction of Phase I of the Four Mile Creek Greenway Trail. Moved by McPherson to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. (Council Communication No. 00-366)

<u>Date</u>: January 22, 1996

Roll Call Number: 96-338

<u>Action</u>: Approving an Intergovernmental 28E Agreement with Pleasant Hill for joint exercise of powers to construction project improvements, for the Four Mile Creek Greenway Trail. Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0. (Council Communication No. 96-032)

# **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: April 26, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-031

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

### ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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