

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date May 4, 2009

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE MEREDITH CORPORATION FOUNDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MEREDITH TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City's Park and Recreation Department is responsible for the maintenance of the City's multi use recreational trails; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2005 by Roll Call No. 05-609, the City Council approved an agreement with Meredith Corporation Foundation by which Meredith Corporation Foundation donated approximately \$2,000,000 towards the construction of certain improvements and additions to the Meredith Multi Use Recreational Trail ("Meredith Trail") and has since contributed funds and labor annually towards the plantings and maintenance of the right-of-way along the Meredith Trail; and

WHEREAS, such Agreement also includes a Memorandum Agreement between the City and the Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee of the Des Moines Greater Des Moines Community Foundation regarding future charitable funding for Gray's Lake Park and the Meredith Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Meredith Corporation Foundation desires to donate \$12,000 to the Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee Fund, administered by the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, for the purpose of providing materials, labor and consulting landscape services for planting, watering, weeding, and maintaining the right-of-way on a section of the Meredith Trail from approximately the southeast entrance to Gray's Lake Park eastward to Southwest 9th St. along Thomas Beck Road per the attached Letter of Commitment from the Meredith Corporation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Meredith Corporation Foundation has stipulated that the desired work is to be performed by Inger Lamb, owner, Prairie Landscapes, 9188 NW Polk City Drive, Polk City, Iowa, 50226, an expert in Iowa native species plantings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa that the above described donation of \$12,000 from the Meredith Corporation Foundation via the Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee Fund administered by the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation be and is hereby accepted, and the conditions of such gift are approved and accepted.

(Council Communication No. 09-270) Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

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MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

City Clerk

THE
MEREDITH CORPORATION
FOUNDATION

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April 30, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Frank Cownie and City Council
City of Des Moines
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mayor and Council:

A charitable gift is being made by the Meredith Corporation Foundation to the Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Fund at the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, said Fund established per the 2005 Meredith Multi Use Recreational Trail 28E Agreement.

The gift from the Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Fund is to be used to pay for materials, labor and consulting landscaping services provided by Inger Lamb, owner, Prairie Landscapes, Polk City, Iowa for work on the Meredith Trail under the supervision of City employee, Teva Dawson, horticultural inspector with the Park and Recreation Department, as set forth in the Scope of Work shown below:

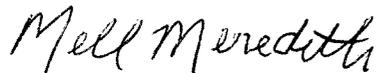
- Monitoring the native and invasive plant life along the trail
- Removal of invasive brush
- Working with additional City-recruited volunteers to aid in the removal of invasive plant material
- Filling in additional native grasses and wildflowers in the ornamental native planting beds along the trail's landscaped berm
- Spraying and weeding in and around the beds along the berm for non-native plants
- Seeding larger savanna areas on the trail's north side (fall)
- Developing interpretive programs (educational, signage, walking tours, etc...)
- Communicating with City staff regarding additional work that needs to be accomplished that is best suited for City staff (mowing cycle, removal of brush and scrub trees, addressing vandalism, etc...)
- Identifying future needs and projects

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The Greater Des Moines Community Foundation will deliver a check to the City for this gift in the amount of \$12,000 on or about May 8, 2009.

We ask that the Council acknowledge and accept the gift for the intended work on the Meredith Trail.

Respectfully,



Mell Meredith
Chairman
515.284.3400

cc: Susan Huppert, Gray's Lake and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee
Rick Neumann, Gray's Lake and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee
Johnny Danos, Gray's Lake and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee
Don Tripp, City of Des Moines
Teva Dawson, City of Des Moines