

Date April 22, 2013

NAMING OF CENTER STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AS "IOWA WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT BRIDGE" AND DEDICATION OF BRIDGE AS PART OF PRINCIPAL RIVERWALK MULTI-USE RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND AS PARKLAND

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1234, the City Council accepted the Center Street Pedestrian Bridge following completion of construction and report of the City Engineer recommending acceptance of such improvement; and

WHEREAS, said bridge is part of the Principal Riverwalk; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to dedicate the Center Street Pedestrian Bridge, shown and described on the attached Exhibit A, as part of the Principal Riverwalk Multi-Use Recreational Trail and as parkland; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2005, by Roll Call No. 05-1062, the City Council approved a 28E Agreement Between the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority (RDA) for Planning, Construction, and Maintaining Riverfront Improvements to the Downtown Area; and

WHEREAS, such 28E Agreement allows the RDA to propose the award of naming rights for certain pieces of the Principal Riverwalk as an incentive for private donations; and

WHEREAS, the RDA has proposed that said bridge be named the "Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge" and that the RDA be permitted to engrave the names of up to 5 Iowa women selected by a committee determined by RDA on said bridge; and

WHEREAS, the RDA also requests that it be permitted to select and annually engrave the names of additional Iowa women on the bridge, all at the sole cost of RDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the Center Street Pedestrian Bridge be and is hereby named and to be known as the "Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge" and that said bridge be and is hereby dedicated to use as part of the Principal Riverwalk Multi-Use Recreational Trail and as parkland.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority shall be permitted to select and annually engrave the names of Iowa women on said bridge at its cost, subject to approval by the Park and Recreation Director as to reasonable regulation of such work, including without limitation, insurance, safety precautions, the location of said engraving, and the time period in which such work will occur.

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato

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Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
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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.

Mayor

City Clerk

Memorandum

Date: April 19, 2013

To: Des Moines City Council

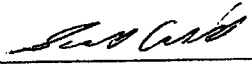
From: Scott Cahill
Des Moines Riverfront Development Authority (the "RDA")

Re: Approval of Naming of "The Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge"

The City of Des Moines and the RDA have executed that certain Chapter 28E Agreement filed of record on April 29, 2005 (the "Agreement") regarding planning, constructing and maintaining riverfront improvements related to the Principal Riverwalk. Article II, Section 4 of the Agreement provides the opportunity for the RDA to propose the award of naming rights for certain pieces of the Principal Riverwalk as an incentive for private donations subject to the approval of the City.

On prior occasions the RDA has taken the opportunity to acknowledge substantial financial contributions to the Principal Riverwalk by allowing names to be associated with particular locations. The RDA is very pleased to advise the Council that the Myron & Jacqueline Blank Fund made a significant contribution to the development of the Principal Riverwalk. The executors of the fund in conjunction with Principal Financial Group has advised the RDA that it would like to call the Center Street Bridge "The Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge" and is excited to have this announced to the community. As a result of the generosity of the Blank Fund, and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement, the RDA hereby recommends to the Des Moines City Council the approval of the name "The Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge" for the bridge over the Des Moines River at approximately Center Street. It is the RDA's intention to have plaques added to the bridge annually that will recognize the contributions of historical (deceased) Iowa women who made outstanding contributions, achieved prominence or advanced the well-being of fellow citizens, Iowa and/or the world. Women of achievement have inspired, pioneered and championed extraordinary accomplishments, through their lives and their work.

If you should have any questions or issues with this recommendation, please contact either Mary O'Keefe or me.



 Scott Cahill, Vice-President