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Date May 20, 2013

Request from Council Member Christine Hensley, to speak regarding the naming of the Greenwood Park Wading Pool Shelter.

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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

February 8, 2013

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines

Re: Naming of Greenwood Wading Pool Shelter

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

In December of last year, Ben Page and I discussed my desire to donate funds towards a project in my neighborhood park, Greenwood Park, in honor of my late son, Jay Spence.

As a past Park and Recreation Board member and one of the founding directors of Des Moines Park and Recreation Foundation, I understand how important parks are to our city neighborhoods. We lived close to Greenwood and Jay often visited the park while growing up in Des Moines. Later he became a successful photographer in Los Angeles but was killed in a car accident 10 years ago last month.

Ben spoke to me about an idea to improve the shelter by the wading pool and that funding would be needed to assist with the project. After hearing about the shelter, I knew by sponsoring this work, it was a perfect way to honor Jay's memory. I have already given my gift in the amount of \$50,000 to the Friends of Des Moines Parks with the hope that it be used for the shelter.

Please consider naming this wading pool shelter, once the improvements are completed, as the Jay Spence Shelter. I'm told that staff is working on the plans and hopes to have the project under construction this year. I hope the facility can be dedicated and open to the public after completion as the Jay Spence Shelter.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Suzy Muelhaupt

Cc: Ben Page, Director of Parks and Recreation