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Agenda Item Number

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Date November 4, 2013

Letter received from Rotary Club of Des Moines A.M. Foundation regarding naming of proposed new playground to be built by Rotary Club along the Principal Riverwalk to be named "Rotary Riverwalk Park".

MOVED by _____ to receive and file such proposal and refer to the City Manager and Park and Recreation Board for review and recommendation.

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_____ 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



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October 18, 2013

The Honorable Christine Hensley
Des Moines City Council
753 55th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

In Re: Rotary Riverwalk Park

Dear Ms. Hensley:

I represent the Rotary Club of Des Moines A.M. Foundation. The Foundation has worked with six central Iowa Rotary Clubs (Rotary Club Des Moines A.M., Rotary Club of Des Moines, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Rotary Club of West Polk County, Rotary Club of West Des Moines and the Rotary Club of Waukee) to raise the necessary funds in order to construct a new playground to be built just north of the Women of Achievement Bridge on the west side of the Des Moines River. Please find enclosed a letter from Dennis W. Linderbaum, the President of the Rotary Club Des Moines A.M. Foundation, formally requesting that you place this matter on the agenda for the Des Moines City Council meeting at your earliest convenience. We look forward to sharing the plans for this park with you in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss at any time. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of this important project.

Sincerely yours,


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Rotary Club of Des Moines A.M. Foundation
604 Locust Street, Suite 222
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October 18, 2013

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Des Moines, Iowa

In Re: Naming of Rotary Riverwalk Park

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

What began as a dream more than eight years ago, will soon become reality assuming you approve our proposal to construct a new park on the north end of the Principal Riverwalk. Through the joint efforts of six central Iowa Rotary Clubs (Rotary Club Des Moines A.M., Rotary Club of Des Moines, Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines, Rotary Club of West Polk County, Rotary Club of West Des Moines and the Rotary Club of Waukee), we have raised in excess of \$500,000 to construct a new playground just north of the new Women of Achievement Bridge on the West side of the Des Moines River. We propose and ask your approval of naming the park "Rotary Riverwalk Park".

When the Principal Financial Group announced its plans to donate a large amount of time, resources, and funds in order to construct the Principal Riverwalk, we began plans to develop a playground for children and families to enjoy along this beautiful new addition to downtown Des Moines. While our fundraising took a bit longer than planned, we are happy to report we have met our fund raising goal and are able to go forward with this one of a kind playground. Since March of this year, we have been meeting with members of the Des Moines Parks and Recreation department and we believe that we have their support to accept this generous contribution from the six Rotary Clubs.

We look forward to sharing the plans for this playground on the banks of the Des Moines River. We believe that due to its unique nature, it will become iconic for the City of Des Moines and be a true drawing card for families around central Iowa to come and enjoy the beauty of the Riverwalk. Accordingly, we hereby request your approval to construct the new "Rotary Riverwalk Park" just north of the Women of Achievement Bridge on the west side of the Des Moines River. Please place this matter on your agenda at your earliest convenience. We look forward to working with you and city staff in making this new park reality. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Dennis W. Linderbaum, President

cc: John M. Bouslog, Attorney for Rotary Clubs
Ann Didonato, Assistant City Attorney
Ben Page, Parks and Recreation Director