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Date May 10, 2021

APPROVAL OF DONATION AND NAMING AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS AND LINDA KOEHN FOUNDATION AND DES MOINES PARK & RECREATION FOUNDATION FOR BOARDWALK AT MACRAE PARK AND NAMING THE BOARDWALK THE “LINDA AND THOMAS KOEHN BOARDWALK AT MACRAE PARK”

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, acting through the Parks and Recreation Department, operates MacRae Park; and

WHEREAS, Thomas and Linda Koehn Foundation desires to participate with the City to support improvements to MacRae Park by making a charitable donation in the amount of \$200,000, towards the construction of a boardwalk in MacRae Park, as a gift to the citizens of Des Moines; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas and Linda Koehn Foundation desires to provide such donation to the Friends of Des Moines Parks as reimbursement to the City upon completion of the boardwalk improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department staff developed a plan for a boardwalk feature at MacRae Park at an estimated cost of \$200,000 with construction anticipated to begin in Spring 2021 and completed by Fall 2022; and

WHEREAS, a Donation and Naming Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Thomas and Linda Koehn Foundation and the Friends of Des Moines Parks, which is on file in the City Clerk’s office, provides for the Friends to make such charitable donation to the City for construction of the boardwalk; and

WHEREAS, such agreement provides that the boardwalk will be named the “Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park”; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite such naming, the City Council desires to waive the requirements of the City’s Policy for Naming of Streets, Facilities and Park Land for the naming of such boardwalk in honor of Thomas and Linda Koehn and to acknowledge such a generous donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the agreement with the Thomas and Linda Koehn Foundation and the Des Moines Park & Recreation Foundation for the donation of \$200,000 towards the construction of a boardwalk at MacRae Park, a copy of which is available in the City Clerk’s Office, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to his signature.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon its completion, the boardwalk shall be and is hereby named and to be known as the "Linda and Thomas Koehn Boardwalk at MacRae Park" for a period of twenty years.

(Council Communication No. 21-212)

Moved by Gatto to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

Table with columns: COUNCIL ACTION, YEAS, NAYS, PASS, ABSENT. Rows include COWNIE, BOESEN, GATTO, GRAY, MANDELBAUM, VOSS, WESTERGAARD, and TOTAL. Includes signature of J. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor.

CERTIFICATE
I, P. Kay Cmelik, 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.
P. Kay Cmelik City Clerk