

★ Roll Call Number

23-0677

Agenda Item Number

43B

Date May 8, 2023

**RESOLUTION APPROVING NAMING OF SEGMENTS  
OF THE CARLISLE TRAIL AS THE KARRAS-KAUL CONNECTOR TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department desires to connect the Easter Lake Spine Multi-Use Recreational Trail to the City of Carlisle Trail pursuant to the Carlisle Connection multiuse trail project ("Project"), at a total pre-engineering design estimated cost of \$3,490,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall three-mile Project includes an approximate one mile segment of the trail to be constructed within the City of Carlisle (approximately three-quarters of one mile) and within Warren County (approximately one-quarter of one mile) in order to make the Carlisle trail connection, with the City of Carlisle and Warren County Conservation Board in agreement to provide maintenance of such trail segments constructed within their respective jurisdictions in exchange for the City donating such trail segments to the respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple grant applications and subsequent grant funding agreements were completed for the Project supplementing City capital improvement funding with \$2,090,914 in external grant funding; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 4, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-801, the City Council adopted a policy for the naming and renaming of City streets, facilities, and parkland in the City of Des Moines, which policy provides, in part, that the Mayor, Council Member, or Council as a whole may sponsor a request for naming or renaming on the Council agenda and that Council action to approve a name change may be expedited if deemed appropriate by Council; and

**WHEREAS**, City Councilmembers Carl Voss and Joe Gatto wish to name the City trail segments within the Project as the Karras-Kaul Connector Trail, to be named after Des Moines Register writers John Karras and Don Kaul who were collectively instrumental in initiating and promoting the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), and further recommend that the Council waive the renaming policy process requirements and expedite approval of said naming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. That portion of the City Policy for Naming of Streets, Facilities and Park Land in the City of Des Moines regarding review and public hearing for the City naming process is hereby waived, and said process is expedited.
2. That the City trail segments between the Easter Lake Spine Multi-Use Recreational Trail to the City of Carlisle Trail be and are hereby named and to be known as the Karras-Kaul Connector Trail.

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Moved by Gatto to adopt.

Second by Voss.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Glenna K. Frank  
 Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SHEUMAKER				✓
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, 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.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
Glenna K. Frank Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk