



Roll Call Number

25-0621

Agenda Item Number

55B

Date April 21, 2025

APPROVING DEDICATION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3825 E. 9th STREET AS PARKLAND AND NAMING OF THE PARK AS KATHRYN KRIEG PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Des Moines, acting through the Parks and Recreation Department, is charged with the responsibility of providing safe recreational facilities within the City for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0330, the City Council received bids and set date of public hearing for the 9th Street Basin Park Improvements, and on April 21, 2025, by Roll Call No. 25-0619, the City Council held the public hearing and approved construction of the 9th Street Basin Park Improvements project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2025, the Zoning Board of Adjustment voted 6-0 to grant a Conditional Use for a “Public Recreation Area” use in an “F” Flood District to allow construction of a new City park as part of the Project to include a new playground, full length basketball court, walking trail, park shelter, and other site improvements; and

WHEREAS, the proposed parkland is located within the Highland Park neighborhood on a 3.2-acre City-owned site, which as a City park will serve over 2,900 residents within a 10-minute walk based on the current Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkServe report, including over 1,200 residents who are not currently within a 10-minute walk of a park, significantly contributing to reaching the LiveDSM goal of every resident being within a 10-minute walk of a park; and

WHEREAS, said City-owned property, as depicted in the exhibit attached hereto and legally described as follows, is recommended to be dedicated as parkland for park-related purposes:

LOTS 6 AND 7, -EXCEPT THE EAST 7.08 FEET-,

AND

LOT 8, -EXCEPT THE EAST 7.08 FEET-, AND -EXCEPT THE SOUTH 27.1 FEET-, ALL IN BLOCK 2, HOFFMAN PLACE, OFFICIAL PLAT, NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to dedicate the City-owned real property described above and depicted in the attached exhibit as parkland; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2009, by Roll Call No. 09-0801, 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 Council action to approve a name change may be expedited if deemed appropriate by Council; and



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WHEREAS, Kathryn Krieg had a remarkable 46-year career in the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, including as Superintendent of Recreation and Department Director, and had a local and national influence on recreation including establishing some of the first organized playgrounds in the country, introducing community-wide recreational activities, creating partnerships with schools, civic organizations and conservation groups, and founding the iconic “Beggars Night” Halloween tradition; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Recreation Department Director recommends naming the above-described City-owned property as the Kathryn Krieg Park in recognition of said career and public service, and further recommends 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, that:

1. The City-owned real property, as legally described above and shown in the attached exhibit, be and is hereby dedicated to use as parkland.
2. 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.
3. That the City's parkland dedicated herein at 3825 E. 9th Street and park improvements shall be named and known as Kathryn Krieg Park.

(Council Communication No. 25-154)

MOVED BY Westergaard TO ADOPT.

Approved as to Form:

SECOND BY Gatto.

/s/Glenna K. Frank

Glenna K. Frank, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Connie Boesen

Mayor

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.

Laura Baumgartner

City Clerk