

Council Meeting Staff Report

February 19, 2019

Agenda No.:**Indexes (Council Goals):**

Presenters: Pete Sheehey

Legislative File: 11712-19

Title

Request for Special Recognition for Jim Billen By Naming A Segment of Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail in His Memory

Recommended Action

I move that Council acknowledge the request, thank the requesters and take no further action; or

I move that Council acknowledge the request and take the action requested in accordance with County Code Sections 2-421 and 2-422; and

I move that Council direct the County Manager to establish an impartial administrative committee in accordance with County Code to review the request and formulate a recommendation to the Council.

Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

Parks and Recreation Board considered this matter at the December 13, 2018 Board meeting and took action to support the naming of a portion of Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail in memory of Jim Billen.

Body

On November 14, 2018, Irene Powell submitted a request on behalf of 30 people, at least 25 of whom are registered voters of Los Alamos County, for special recognition for Jim Billen by naming a segment of Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail in his memory. The request is shown in Attachment A.

When this type of request is brought forward, County Code Article V, "Special Recognition of Persons and Historical Events and Naming of Public Facilities," Sections 2-421 and 2-422 (Attachment B) outline the process to be used. The Code gives the Council the option to direct the County Manager to establish an administrative committee to seek feedback and hold a public hearing on the request. The composition of the committee and requirements to be set forth by the requester regarding the reasons that they believe the honor should be given to the individual are outlined in Section 2-422.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Unplanned Item

Funds to advertise the Public Hearing would need to be paid by the PIO's budget. A dedication plaque would be paid for by the Community Services Department, unless alternate direction is provided by Council.

Attachments

A - Citizen Request

B - Code Sections 2-421 and 2-422