

Council Meeting Staff Report

May 7, 2019

Agenda No.: D.

Indexes (Council Goals):

Presenters: Harry Burgess

Legislative File: 11754-19

Title

Consideration of the Jim Billen Trail Naming Committee's recommendation regarding a petition to name a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail as the Jim Billen Trail

Recommended Action

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Naming Committee and name a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail, shown in Attachment C, as the Jim Billen Trail. I further move that the Parks Division work with petitioner Irene Powell and Mary Billen on the content and wording of a suitable plaque that can be constructed at the trail segment, to recognize and honor the contributions of Jim Billen in building this segment of trail.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve the motion as presented.

Body

On February 12, 2019, the County Council requested that the County Manager's office appoint a committee to consider the above-referenced petition. Composition of a naming committee for a County facility (in this situation, a trail) is dictated in County Code Sections 2-241 and 2-422. The Jim Billen Trail Naming Committee - composed of two citizens, one business, one member of the Parks & Recreation Board and one member of the Planning & Zoning Commission - convened a public hearing on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Additional background on the committee and petition used as the basis for the public hearing may be found in Attachment A. Irene Powell, the petitioner, as well as Mary Billen (wife of Jim Billen) addressed the committee regarding the merits of their request. Several members of the audience spoke at the public hearing in support of the petition. Additional written public comments received prior to the hearing were read into the record (Attachment B). After discussing the request, the Committee voted unanimously to rename the segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail (shown in Attachment C) after Jim Billen. The motion is shown below and the minutes of the public hearing may be found in Attachment D.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Unplanned Item

The cost of the plaque is a fiscal impact on the Parks Division budget. Time spent to develop, order and construct the plaque at the site, along with conducting an appropriate dedication ceremony for the family and friends of Jim Billen, is a staff impact.

Attachments

- A - Background document distributed at April 25, 2019 Public Hearing
- B - Written public comments rec'd prior to Public Hearing
- C - Map showing the proposed Jim Billen Trail segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail
- D - Minutes of the April 25, 2019 Public Hearing