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April 11, 2019


Julie Habiger
L.A. County Public Information Officer
1000 Central Ave., Ste. 350
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Julie:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support the renaming of a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail to the Jim Billen Trail. I knew Jim during the final physically difficult years of his life and am amazed that he had dedicated so many years of love and hard work to creating that wonderful trail. It is a scenic trail which my dog and I have enjoyed, along with countless other Los Alamos residents.

Jim definitely deserves this legacy and honor, and it will mean so much to all who were privileged to know and love him. I strongly urge support of this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Williamson".

Ruth Williamson
917 Circle Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544

LACManager

From: Ed Birnbaum <ed@chelsea.net>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 8:22 AM
To: LACManager
Subject: naming of Billen trail

I only met Jim Billen a few years ago when he was already in the grip of the terrible disease that took his life. Even then, he was always cheerful and exhibited great courage in continuing to be active in spite of the debilitating effects of the disease.

Everything I have heard about Jim confirms the efforts he made to improve the trail that is now suggested be named after him.

However, I do not believe that anything should be named after a person, unless in the future, such a person will be easily recognized in the history books written about New Mexico, the United States or the World.

We already have a "Duane Smith" auditorium and a "Larry Walkup" aquatics center. Although I'm sure the families of these people who were honored with the name displayed appreciate the recognition, I doubt that anyone new to Los Alamos has any idea why these buildings carry these names, or what they did to deserve them.

I would be fine with the "Los Alamos High School Auditorium" and the "Los Alamos County Aquatic Center".

So as a general rule, I would discourage any such naming action, and certainly not until 5 years after the person has passed away.

Thank you.

Ed Birnbaum

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May I deal with Honor
May I act with Courage
May I achieve Humility
(from "Straight" by Dick Francis)

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intended solely for the use of the addressee hereof.

LACManager

From: Ruth Lier <rlier@juno.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 12:58 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Jim Billen Trail Name

Oops. Please insert Pueblo Canyon "Rim" into trail name...thanks,. Ruth Lier.

Dear Committee,
I support the naming of a portion of the Pueblo Canyon trail, "The Jim Billen Trail."

My deceased Triathlete husband, Doug Lier, enjoyed running the unimproved trail to the airport for many years. He would be pleased to learn it would be named after Jim, who spent his personal time to improve the trail for all to enjoy not just the elite runners of our community.

Thank you for approving the proposition.
Ruth H. Lier (Los Alamos resident 68 years)
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Sent from my iPad

US MD: "I Beg Americans To Throw Out This Veg Now"
dr-pedre-md.com
<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/5cb8c8c8f405b48c84a78st02vuc>

LACManager

From: Jean Dewart <jdewart@q.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 7:45 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Jim Billen trail name

I support the citizen petition to re-name a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail as the "Jim Billen Trail."

He did the work to build this trail, I think it is appropriate to honor his effort.

thank you.

Jean Dewart
300 Manhattan Loop

LACManager

From: Greg Kendall <kendall.greg@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 3:06 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Support for the Jim Billen Trail (renaming)

I strongly support renaming the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail to the Jim Billen Trail.

My wife and I use to hike the trail before he had even finished it. I saw him over two summers working that trail. I helped a bit at one point. He did an amazing job. This is a totally fitting tribute to Jim as without him that trail would not exist for certain. (He built it illegally but I am so glad he did. I hike it very often and is a most spectacular trail.)

I urge you strongly to support this name change!!!!

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Thank you,
Greg Kendall
22 Short Dr., Los Alamos
505-412-3843

LACManager

From: Carole Watanabe <hatswata@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 8:22 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Jim Billen Trail

Jim worked at making this trail despite Parkinson's slowly taking a toll on his body physically. Such a commitment on his part should be recognized especially for the courage it took him to complete this trail.

Carole Watanabe
Sent from my iPad

LACManager

From: Terry Goldman <t.goldman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 10:36 AM
To: LACManager
Subject: Jim Billen trail

I most strongly support renaming this trail segment for Jim Billen, a fine man, a fine citizen, and a Los Alamos treasure. The language in the petition is very appropriate.

----- *Terry Goldman*
Los Alamos, NM
662-3371

The obscure we see eventually; the completely apparent takes longer. --- Edward R. Murrow

the re-naming of a segment of the trail for Jim Billen.

The following is the language in the petition regarding the request for renaming the segment:

"In memory of Jim Billen, the man who donated six years of his time and effort to build this segment of trail for all to enjoy."

LACManager

From: Mary Ann Lindahl <moonbeamx@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:27 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Jim Billen trail

Dear Sir:

I fully support naming the trail after Jim Billen. He worked tirelessly to complete the task. It is a fitting memorial to him.

Thanks,

Mary Ann Lindahl

201 San Juan St.

Los Alamos, NM 87544

LACManager

From: Patricia Archer <parcher_2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:42 AM
To: LACManager
Subject: Trails etc.

As a resident who was born here some 73 years ago, I believe Los Alamos should stop naming trails, buildings, fields and other places after people. Most residents have no idea who Sullivan was, Larry Walkup, Griffith, and so on. What is the point? Places that were named years ago should have an expiration.

Patricia Archer

LACManager

From: TomAnnette Hiteman <tahiteman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:48 AM
To: LACManager
Cc: TomAnnette Hiteman
Subject: FOR Jim Billen trail

I am FOR the request to rename a trail after Jim Billen. He also built the lower portion of the East Fork Trail, an even greater achievement than his Pueblo Canyon Rim trail. Every time I visited him as he cut these trails he was the perfect gentleman. He undertook this public work to improve his health, greatly reducing his weight. His trails are better designed than the Zipline Trail (which was done by a crew). His work, motivation, and personality deserve to be recognized and remembered. Thank you for accepting my input. Tom Hiteman, 1066 Pinon Loop, 662-4757

LACManager

From: Sergey Kurennoy <Kurennoy@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 8:27 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Support for proposed Jim Billen Trail

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in support of renaming a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail as the Jim Billen Trail. Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting on April 25, so I express my support by email.

I have worked at LANL with Jim Billen for more than 10 years and have a very high opinion of him both as a person and as a scientist. Jim put a lot of efforts to make the Canyon Rim Trail in what it is today.

From our home on North Mesa I can see across the canyon people walking, running, and riding bicycles along this trail every day. It would be great if they remember Jim. He certainly deserved that.

Thank you,
Sergey Kurennoy
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Los Alamos resident since 1996
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LACManager

From: Mahlon Wilson <mahlontw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 9:05 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: JIM BILLEN Trail

We want to add our support to he effort to rename a portion of the Rim Trail for Jim Billen who spent so much time and physical effort to improve this trail for all to enjoy for years to come.

Many of us witnessed him toiling on the trail even as his health was declining.

Jim was a special person who left a beautiful legacy along the south rim of Pueblo Canyon.

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LACManager

From: Wayne & Linda Hardie <llhardie@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 3:01 PM
To: LACManager
Subject: Proposed Naming of Jim Billen Trail

Ms. Habiger-

As 40-year residents of Los Alamos County, we wholeheartedly support the proposed re-naming of a segment of the Pueblo Canyon Rim Trail as the "Jim Billen Trail."

Ralph Wayne & Linda Hardie

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Ralph Wayne and Linda L. Hardie
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