



Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date November 6, 2017

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board at its meeting held on October 24, 2017, voted to receive and file the attached letter received from Susan Noland, requesting that the Terrace structure at Gray's Lake Park be named after City Councilmember Christine Hensley.

MOVED by _____ to receive and file such proposal and refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation.

(Council Communication 17- 768)

Moved by _____ to adopt.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ann DiDonato, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GATTO				
GRAY				
HENSLEY				
MOORE				
WESTERGAARD				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, 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.

City Clerk

Christine Hensley has served as a Des Moines City Council woman for 24 years. She has had a hand in \$2.5 billion worth of projects in the city. She has been a champion of regional and downtown service developments.

She wanted to be a Council person to help make a difference and she certainly has. In a recent Business Record article Chris spoke of those improvements she helped guide into existence that she is most proud of--the Sculpture Park, Western Gateway, the East Village, Gray's Lake, booming area south of MLK Parkway, Ingersoll Ave.; 42nd Streetscape, 6th Ave. Corridor, MacRae Park--and the Trail System (that barely had begun when she took office) ranks toward the top.

I have been privileged to be Chris's appointee to the Parks and Recreation Board for the past thirteen years. I have worked closely with her on many park projects (as well as other city endeavors), Chris is such an advocate of public-private partnerships, which has certainly helped bolster our park amenities. She has such a remarkable ability to bring the right people together--the right fit for each endeavor. Now as she has decided to step away from the City Council at the end of her term, I feel it is a perfect opportunity to name something in the park system in her honor.

On our City Council-Park Board annual Parks Bus Tour just a week ago when asked what park projects had been her favorites, she narrowed the field a bit. She began with Gray's Lake and the belief she had it would work as a catalyst for park usage and as a hub for the Trail System.

I suggest the terrace at Gray's Lake be named the Christine Hensley Terrace Pavilion--a perfect spot that overlooks both the lake with its trails and the city skyline that showcases the "cranes" and development in downtown Des Moines.

