

City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

City Council Agenda Items
and
Contracts, Leases or Agreements

January 3rd 2012
City Council Meeting Date
Agenda Items Only

Matt Mihalevich Engineering Development Services
Submitted By Division Department

Action Required:

Staff requests a recommendation and approval from the City Council for official names for two City Trails.

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| <u>N/A</u> Cost of this request | <u>N/A</u> Category / Project Budget | <u>N/A</u> Program Category / Project Name |
| <u>N/A</u> Account Number | <u>N/A</u> Funds Used to Date | <u>N/A</u> Program / Project Category Name |
| <u>N/A</u> Project Number | <u>N/A</u> Remaining Balance | <u>N/A</u> Fund Name |

Budgeted Item

Budget Adjustment Attached

Julius C. Baker
Department Director

12-14-2011
Date

Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

John Kelly
City Attorney

12-14-11
Date

Original Contract Date: _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Paul A. Buhn
Finance and Internal Services Director

12-14-2011
Date

Received in City Clerk's Office 12-14-11 10:30 RCVD
Kim J.

Ann Marie
Chief of Staff

12-14-11
Date

Received in Mayor's Office

Frederick Jordan
Mayor

12/15/11
Date

Comments:

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Don Marr, Chief of Staff
Jeremy Pate, Development Services Director
Chris Brown, City Engineer *CB*

From: Matt Mihalevich, Trails Coordinator *MM*

Date: December 14, 2011

Subject: Trail Naming Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests a recommendation and approval from the City Council for official names for two City trails.

PROPOSAL:

On October 12th, 2011 the Fayetteville Active Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion to forward the trail names recommendations "*Oak Ridge Trail*" and "*Meadow Valley Trail*" to the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review and public comment according the park and trail facilities naming policy (attached). The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board heard the trail naming on November 7th, 2011 and tabled the item for 1 month to allow a public comment period. On December 5th, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to forward the trail name recommendations "*Oak Ridge Trail*" and "*Meadow Valley Trail*" to the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

Oak Ridge Trail

This newly completed 0.5 mile long trail extends west from Frisco Trail into the campus of the University of Arkansas along the north side of Center Street. The University of Arkansas has named this trail Oak Ridge Trail on their master plan to signify the wooded hillside that the trail traverses.

Meadow Valley Trail

This 2.3 mile long trail will extend west from Scull Creek Trail across the University of Arkansas Agricultural Research Station and under I-540 to connect to the bike lanes on Mount Comfort Road. For construction purposes the trail has been called the U of A Farm Trail, however this name was intended to be temporary to be used during the planning and construction phase while an official name is chosen.

City staff contacted a local historian, Charlie Alison to determine the historical significance of the site where the trail will cross. See correspondence below:

"There are probably two names most associated with that area. Prior to purchase by the university, Agri Farm west of Garland was the Deane family farm, the name of which is still preserved in Deane Street and Deane Solomon Road.

The other name is that of the Meadow Valley School, a one-room schoolhouse originally built near the intersection of Porter Road with Mount Comfort and Deane Solomon. It was later moved to what is now Agri Park on Garland, so it existed at two points along the route of the trail at various times. Technically, it was School District 98 at the time and sometimes referred to as Deane School.

I'll have to double-check what families owned property east of Garland to see whether any names are worth adding for consideration. My recollection is that Noah Drake owned a large farm on the north end of town, but I think it was north of Drake Street."

Charlie Alison

In addition, Pete and Margo Heinzelmann contacted the City with the following recommendation:

"Margo and I run (jog and slog) at the U of A farm often in the early morning and we see the progress of the trail there. We are both from the Midwest (Iowa and Illinois) and what strikes us there in the morning is the birds -- Canadian geese, Green Herons, and Meadowlarks. Our favorite name for the trail would be "Meadowlark Trail", they love to hang out next to these beautiful fields.

Pete and Margo

The Active Transportation Advisory Committee was not supportive of a trail name that shares the same name as an existing street name because it could lead to confusion with emergency services. The committee found that Meadowlark, Deane and Drake are all current street names in Fayetteville. The committee recommended "*Meadow Valley Trail*" due to the distinctive name, historical significance of the one-room school house and geographic features of the meadows and valley. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed with the recommendations and voted unanimously to forward the trail names "**Oak Ridge Trail**" and "**Meadow Valley Trail**" to the City Council.

Throughout the each step of the process of meeting with the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, City staff kept in contact with representatives from the University of Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center to request input on the trail name since a significant portion of the trail crosses through University property. On December 13, City staff was notified of their preference to name the trail "**Agricultural Research Trail**", see correspondence below.

"Thank you for the trail name update and keeping me updated on the status of the process. While the Meadow Valley Trail name is nice and has a historical base, we would like to suggest Agriculture Research Trail as name that would fit a past, since 1919, current and future use of a lot of area that the trail passes by and though."

Thank you for the consideration.

Vaughn Skinner, Resident Director AAREC

Since the above response was not received until the 13th of December, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not consider the name "Agriculture Research Trail", and this name is not recommended by staff as a name to be considered. If the City Council would like to consider this name, staff recommends sending the name back through the Active Transportation Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their consideration.

BUDGET IMPACT: None

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION NAMING OAK RIDGE TRAIL AND MEADOW VALLEY TRAIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby names Oak Ridge Trail, a newly completed 0.5 mile long trail extending west from Frisco Trail into the campus of the University of Arkansas along the north side of Center Street.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby names Meadow Valley Trail, a 2.3 mile long trail extending west from Scull Creek Trail, across the University of Arkansas Agricultural Research Station, under Interstate 540, and connecting to bike lanes on Mount Comfort Road.

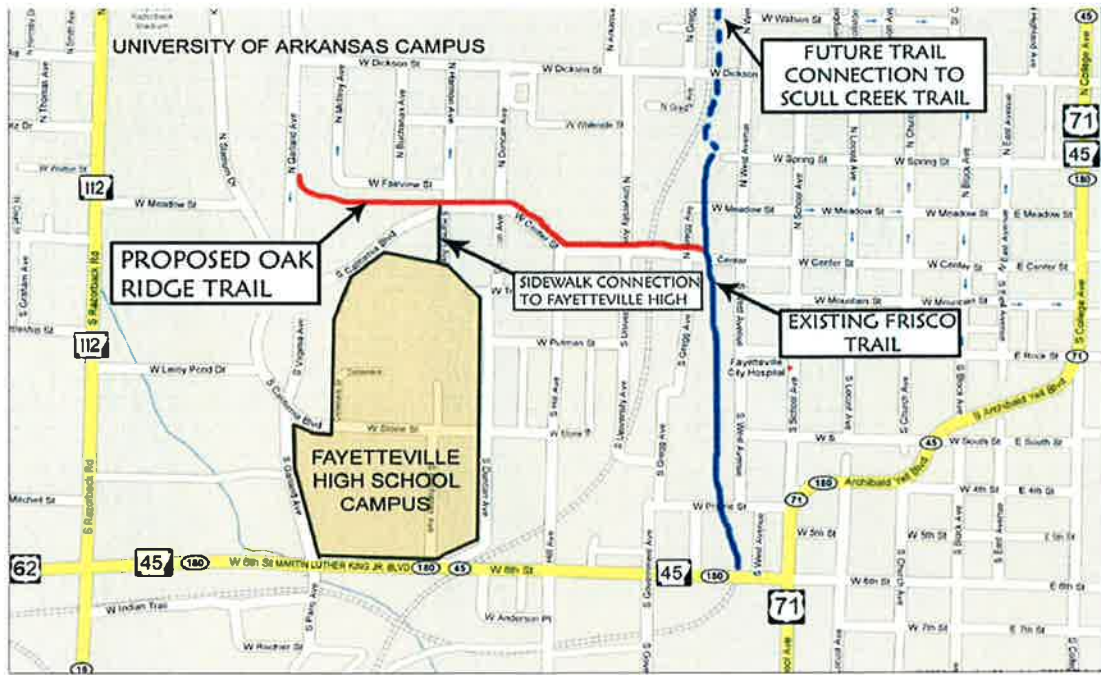
PASSED and APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2012.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

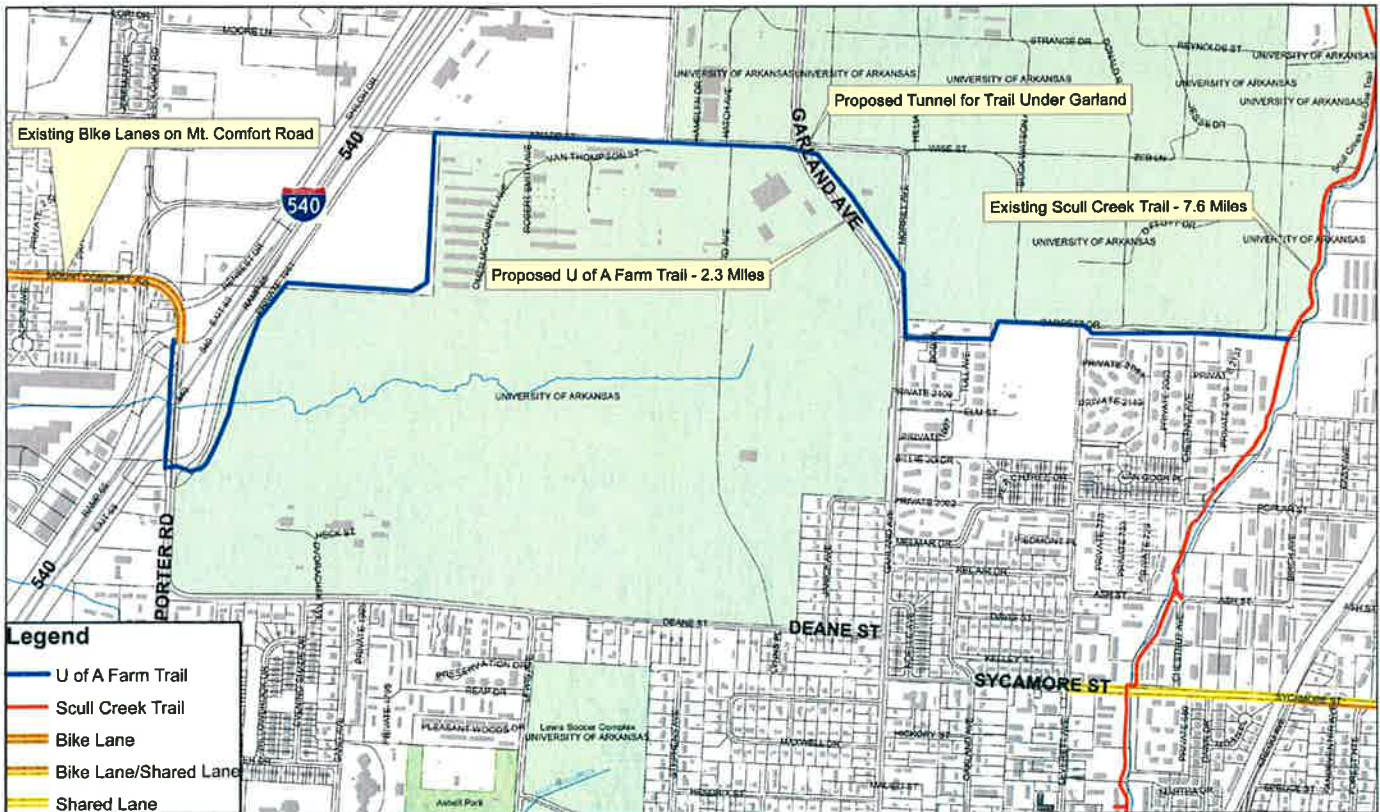
By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer



Oak Ridge Trail

VICINITY MAP
Recreational Trails Grant

Engineering Division
113 W. Mountain
Fayetteville, AR 72701
479-575-8206
May 2009



U of A Farm Trail
2.3 Miles





FAYETTEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes for December 5, 2011

Present:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Bailey, Meldrum, Thompson, Meinecke, Waite, Hazelrigs and Watson were present. Lindsey and Mason were absent. Staff members Edmonston, Humphry, Jumper, Mihalevich, Jones, Gipson and Thomas were in attendance.

AGENDA:

4. Trail Naming Proposal: Matt Mihalevich


This item was tabled at the November 7th meeting according to the Park Naming Policy to allow for public input.

Mihalevich said there are two trails to be officially named by the City Council. Matt Mihalevich presented names to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee on October 12th. The Committee unanimously approved to forward Oak Ridge Trail and Meadow Valley Trail names to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their recommendation to City Council who will have the final decision on naming the trails. This item was tabled at the November 7th, 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board according to the Park Naming Policy in order to allow for public input. There have been no comments or suggestions for the proposed trail names in the past month. Edmonston said that no names were submitted to Parks and Recreation office, either.

Meinecke asked what the name choices were for the trails.

Meldrum said the names were Oak Ridge Trail and Meadow Valley. Oak Ridge Trail goes from Frisco Trail west to the University along Center Street. The University of Arkansas has been referring to this trail as Oak Ridge Trail. Meadow Valley goes from Scull Creek Trail west to Interstate 540 at Porter Road through Agri Park.

PRAB Motion: Meldrum motioned to recommend the new trail names of Oak Ridge Trail and Meadow Valley Trail to City Council for final approval. Waite seconded it. Motion passed 7-0-0 by voice vote.

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|  | Parks and Recreation Division Policies and Procedures Manual | | SUBJECT: NAMING PARK FACILITIES | |
| | NUMBER: PRK- | REVISIONS: | EFFECTIVE DATE: 1-1-10 | PAGE: 1 OF 1 |
| | SUPERSEDES: | APPROVED BY: | | |

PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide policies which will govern the naming of park facilities currently owned or acquired by the City of Fayetteville. This policy statement takes precedence over any previous policies and guidelines which may have governed the naming of these facilities.

POLICY

Upon acquisition of a new park, the Director of Parks and Recreation will assign a nondescript temporary working name or subdivision name for the park facility to be used until park development begins.

Once park development begins, the Parks and Recreation Division will receive and forward park facility name suggestions to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will discuss the recommendations at their monthly meeting and will leave the issue on the table until the next scheduled meeting. This one month duration will allow time for any public comment on the proposed names.

The following items should be considered when proposing names for any park facilities:

- Geographic location of the facility
- Outstanding features of the facility
- Commonly recognized historical event, group, or individual
- Individual or group who contributed significantly to the acquisition or development of a facility
- Individual who provided an exceptional service in the interest of the park system

For an individual to be considered, the recommended name must be accompanied by a biographical sketch which provides evidence of historical significance or contributions to the Parks and Recreation Division or City of Fayetteville. Generally, the naming of park facilities in recognition of an individual will not be considered unless received posthumously.

The naming of plaques, markers, and memorials within park facilities must follow the policies as stated above.

Naming of Trail Facilities: A name recommendation from the Sidewalk & Trails Committee for trail facilities will be required prior to forwarding to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Names of Park Facilities recommended by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be presented to City Council for final approval.

