

ALAMOSA CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Subject/Title:

Motion to name a potential new trail in the City after the donor's father: Toivo Malm

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that City Council make the motion to agree to name the potential new trail the "Toivo Malm Trail."

Background:

In February 2018 Linda Malm, of Taos, NM approached SLVGO about any area trail projects that could be considered for a donation. Linda and her late father Toivo enjoyed the outdoors and Linda is seeking to give back to a community in the form of a public trail for future generations to enjoy. SLVGO subsequently referred Ms. Malm to the Eastern Sangre de Cristo Trails group in Crestone and a potential south side trail connector project to the Rio Grande in Alamosa spearheaded by SLVGO and the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 2018, staff from Public Works, Parks and Recreation, SLVGO, and the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge developed a plan for potential trail routes just south of the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant as an effective route for south Alamosa neighborhood residents to reach the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge and connect into the future Ranch to Refuge corridor trail.

This project was also identified as a top priority from the Revitalize the Rio coalition in late 2018. The Community Recreation Advisory Board was advised of staff's recommendation for acceptance of the naming in January of 2019.

Resolution 24-2009 identified criteria for City Council to name or rename City Parks and Facilities.

From the Resolution language:

"5. Facilities may be named for living persons provided they have made a significant contribution of land or money and the donor stipulates naming of the facility as a condition of the donation(s) or when the individual has made an unusually outstanding public service contribution."

Ms. Malm is requesting the trail be named the "Toivo Malm Trail." This motion simply agrees to name the trail as desired by the donor as a condition of the \$50,000 donation as permitted by Resolution 24-2009. Ms. Malm has graciously provided us with some history of her and her father as well as a photo which are all attached.

The type of tread on this trail will be native soil and will be constructed at a width of 3 feet. This soil type is primarily a sandy, unconsolidated loam. A potential loop trail section is also shown on the attached map. The main trail would be around 1.2 miles with the potential for around 3 new miles of total trails all on existing City property.

Issue Before the Council:

Does Council wish to name this potential new trail in the City the Toivo Malm Trail?

Alternatives:

While Council is free to select or develop any number of alternatives, those listed below are examples.

1. Name the potential new trail the Toivo Malm Trail.
2. Decline to act at this time and give staff further direction.

Fiscal Impact:

All hard project costs will be covered by a \$50,000 donation from Ms. Malm. Some in-kind labor would be provided by Parks and Recreation staff and SLVGO for project supervision.

Legal Opinion:

City Attorney will be present if there are any legal questions regarding this action.

Conclusion:

Historically, there has not been a direct, well delineated route to get to the Rio Grande from neighborhoods located south of 7th Street. Considering the "Rio Grande activation and desire for more trails" priorities identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan update, and, the well-developed levee trail system north of the Rio Grande; this project directly addresses the disparity of north/south trail access for Alamosa neighborhoods and would accomplish several top recreation-related comp plan goals. Hence, naming the project after the donor's family for this important project is well-deserved recognition.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Malm Trail Concept Map	Backup Material
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