

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item G
April 5, 2010**

SUBJECT: Approval to expand the Walkable Novi Committee to include two members of the Novi Parks Foundation Board and appoint two members, Linda Blair, President and Brian Bartlett, Secretary of the Novi Parks Foundation.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: 

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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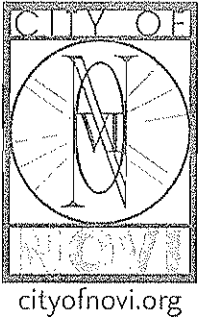
Staff recommends expansion of the Walkable Novi Committee to include two members of the Novi Parks Foundation and appointment of Linda Blair (President of the Novi Parks Foundation) and Brian Bartlett (Secretary of the Novi Parks Foundation), to the Walkable Novi Committee.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to expand the Walkable Novi Committee to include two members of the Novi Parks Foundation Board and appoint the two members, Linda Blair, President and Brian Bartlett, Secretary of the Novi Parks Foundation.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

MEMORANDUM



TO: CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RANDY AULER, CPRP, DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES
SUBJECT: WALKABLE NOVI
DATE: MARCH 24, 2010

3/24/10
To: Mayor of City
Council Meeting
FYI

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Walkable Novi Committee

Intent

The intent of this new committee is to extend the scope of the Ad-Hoc Pathways Prioritization Committee to include greenways, trails and pathways-related projects. The membership of the committee would be expanded to include more representation from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry department and commission.

Membership

- 2 Members of City Council (Recommended - Mutch & Staudt)
- 3 Members of the Planning Commission (Burke, Meyer & Pehrson)
- 2 Members of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry (Zyczynski & TBD)
- Staff liason from the Community Development Department (Spencer)
- Staff liason from the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department (Auler)

Responsibilities

- Annually - Review and prioritize sidewalk, bikepath and trail segments for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program and city budget. (Existing Ad Hoc Committee Responsibility)
- Ongoing – The committee will strive to develop a plan focused on the creation of a comprehensive integrated network of sidewalks, bikepaths, trails and greenways that serve the entire city and connect to regional networks.
 - This plan will use existing city plans to identify gaps and opportunities and integrate existing plans for sidewalks, trails, etc. into a unified planning document.
 - As needed, the committee will request funding and resources needed to complete elements of the plan.
 - The plan elements will assist the Council and Commissions in updating city goals and long-range planning documents like the Master Plan for Land Use and the 5 Year Recreation Plan.
- Ongoing - Identify alternative funding opportunities and projects eligible for funding.
- Ongoing - Participation in Regional Trails efforts on behalf of the City:
 - OTAC (Oakland Trails Advisory Council) - Effort led by Oakland County to create countywide trails system.
 - I-275 and M-5 Bike Path Projects – Effort led by MDOT to upgrade existing I-275 bikeway and extend bikeway north along M-5.
 - Other regional efforts as appropriate.
- Ongoing – Work with Community Development and Parks, Recreation and Forestry to seek community input on needs and priorities.
- Ongoing - Work with School Districts to identify deficiencies in routes to schools and develop solutions to address them.
 - Potential funding available from federal Safe Routes to Schools program.
- Ongoing – Work with businesses in the community to encourage participation in the planning process.

Budget

- Necessary resources from existing Departmental budgets.

Reporting

- The committee shall provide quarterly updates to the Council and Commissions.