

ITEM #: 7
DATE: 5-12-09

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE COMMEMORATING FORMER MUNN LUMBER SITE

BACKGROUND:

On November 25, 2008, City Council referred to staff a request from the Ames Foundation to place a plaque in the Duff Avenue Greenspace to commemorate the former Munn Lumber location. The Foundation desired to remind those walking through the current Greenspace of the historical significance of the Munn family to the Ames community.

City staff recently met with Jim Mason of Country Landscapes, which will be installing the plaque. The attached drawing shows the approximate location of the plaque, which will be mounted on a stone base. The plaque will face southeast, and the stone will be chosen to complement the existing landscape stone. The Ames Foundation understands that it will be responsible for installing the plaque, as well as for removing it should the City use the property for another purpose in the future. **The City will have no financial obligations in the plaque's placement or possible removal.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the placement of a plaque commemorating the Munn family in the Duff Avenue Greenspace at the designated location.
2. The City Council can direct staff to place the plaque in a different location.
3. The City Council can deny the placement of a commemorative plaque in the Duff Avenue Greenspace.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1 and approve the placement of a plaque commemorating the Munn family in the Duff Avenue Greenspace at the designated location with the understanding that the Ames Foundation will be responsible for installing the plaque and for removing it should the City desire to use the property for another purpose in the future.