



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 11/3/2021

Subject - New Business - Duncan's Crossing Proclamation

Synopsis: Please find a naming proclamation attached for the purpose of Council officially naming the Ridge Path crossing project after its champion, John Duncan. The proclamation details the reasoning behind this request.

Recommended Motion: City staff recommends the Council proclaim "Duncan's Crossing" the name of the Ridge Path walkway constructed over wetlands between 8th and 10th. It's been a long time coming to see this great man of service's vision come to full fruition. The final step will be the placement of signs directing trail-goers exiting 10th to where the trail continues. We have already requested a quote for trail signs with a local vendor.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad



RIDGE PATH “DUNCAN’S CROSSING” PROCLAMATION 2021

WHEREAS, the Ridge Path extension has been a goal of the City of Gearhart since 1994; and

WHEREAS, John Duncan provided the Gearhart community with years of service serving on both the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, John was a land surveyor and engineer who, as a Councilor, envisioned the extension to the Ridge Path from 8th through to Gearhart Loop Road; and

WHEREAS, John foresaw the creation of a walkway “crossing” over the wetland area between 8th and 10th as it left the trail impassable many months of the year due to heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, John’s passion for this project found he, and the dedicated volunteers he recruited, regularly clearing the proposed work area along the trail; and

WHEREAS, John passed away in 2015 during his Council term and the early phase of the project; and

WHEREAS, John’s wife, Sandy, shared his wish for this project to come to fruition; and

WHEREAS, donations were received in honor of John Duncan’s “crossing” project and volunteers held maintenance work parties to keep the path clear in anticipation; and

WHEREAS, City staff worked with local surveyors, engineers, and contractors to obtain the necessary permits, certifications, materials, and ultimately, complete construction of the wetland “crossing”;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Mayor and Council of the City of Gearhart, do hereby proclaim the Ridge Path Trail walkway between 8th and 10th to be named:

“DUNCAN’S CROSSING”

in memory of Gearhart late Councilman John Duncan’s vision and passion for the Ridge Path project. Gearhart residents and visitors are all encouraged to use and enjoy Duncan’s Crossing.

Paulina Cockrum, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chad Sweet, City Administrator

