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SUBJECT: Appointment of two Park Commission Members to the Walkable Novi Committee

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PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DIRECTORS APPROVAL:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Walkable Novi Committee (the expanded Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Workgroup) was appointed by City Council in March of 2008. The committee is comprised of two City Council members (Member Dave Staudt and Member Andrew Mutch), three planning commission members, (Member David Greco, Member Brian Larson, and Member Michael Lynch), and two parks commission members whom are to be appointed.

The Pathway and Sidewalk Venture Team has been created to assist the Walkable Novi Committee by reviewing and updating the Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis and Process (PSAP) and adding elements for pathways to the park system including the high priority ITC utility corridor. The team is comprised of the following staff members: Team leader Mark Spencer (Planner, Community Development); Co-Lead Cindy Uglow (Neighborhood and Small Business Manager); Tim Wright (Department of Public Works); Derek Smith (Parks Recreation and Forestry); Linden Ivezaj (Engineering); Team member Melissa Place (Manager's Office); and Steve Rumble (Community Development Director).

The Pathway and Sidewalk Venture Team has met and established goals for the team. The Team's goals and estimated completion dates are as follows:

1. Update the Pathway and Sidewalk Prioritization Analysis and Process and present to City Council – by October 31, 2008.
2. Develop proposed sidewalk, bike path, trail and greenway policies – by 12/31/08
3. Implementation of sidewalk, bike path, trail and greenway policies – by June 30, 2009.

The Novi Parks Commission is to appoint two commission members to sit on the Walkable Novi Committee which will provide direction and community input to the Pathway and Sidewalk Venture Team. The Walkable Novi Committee is expected to meet with members of the Venture team once a month through the implementation process in June of 2009.

The first Venture Team meeting with the Walkable Novi Committee to detail and add additional goals will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008, 6pm in the Novi Civic Center's Activities Room.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: