

City of Diamondhead, MS
Request for Council Action

TO: Members of Council
FROM: Mayor Depreo

Ordinance Resolution Agreement Info Only Work Session Other

AGENDA LOCATION: Consent Agenda Regular Agenda

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTIONS or ISSUE:

Motion for authorize City Manager to work with Diamondhead resident, Scout Nathan Pyron, on securing easements (in the city's name) which will allow him to implement his Eagle Scout Project creating over 2 miles of trails within the City of Diamondhead for residents to enjoy.

Pyron Eagle Scout Project will create over 2 miles of trails in a wooded area creating education (wetland beauty), ecotourism (bird watching), science education and research (research for all age levels), recreation (walking and hiking) and environmental conservation (promote environmental conservation and restoration).

Majority of the property is owned by the Diocese of Biloxi. Scout Pyron's father has been in contact with the Diocese.

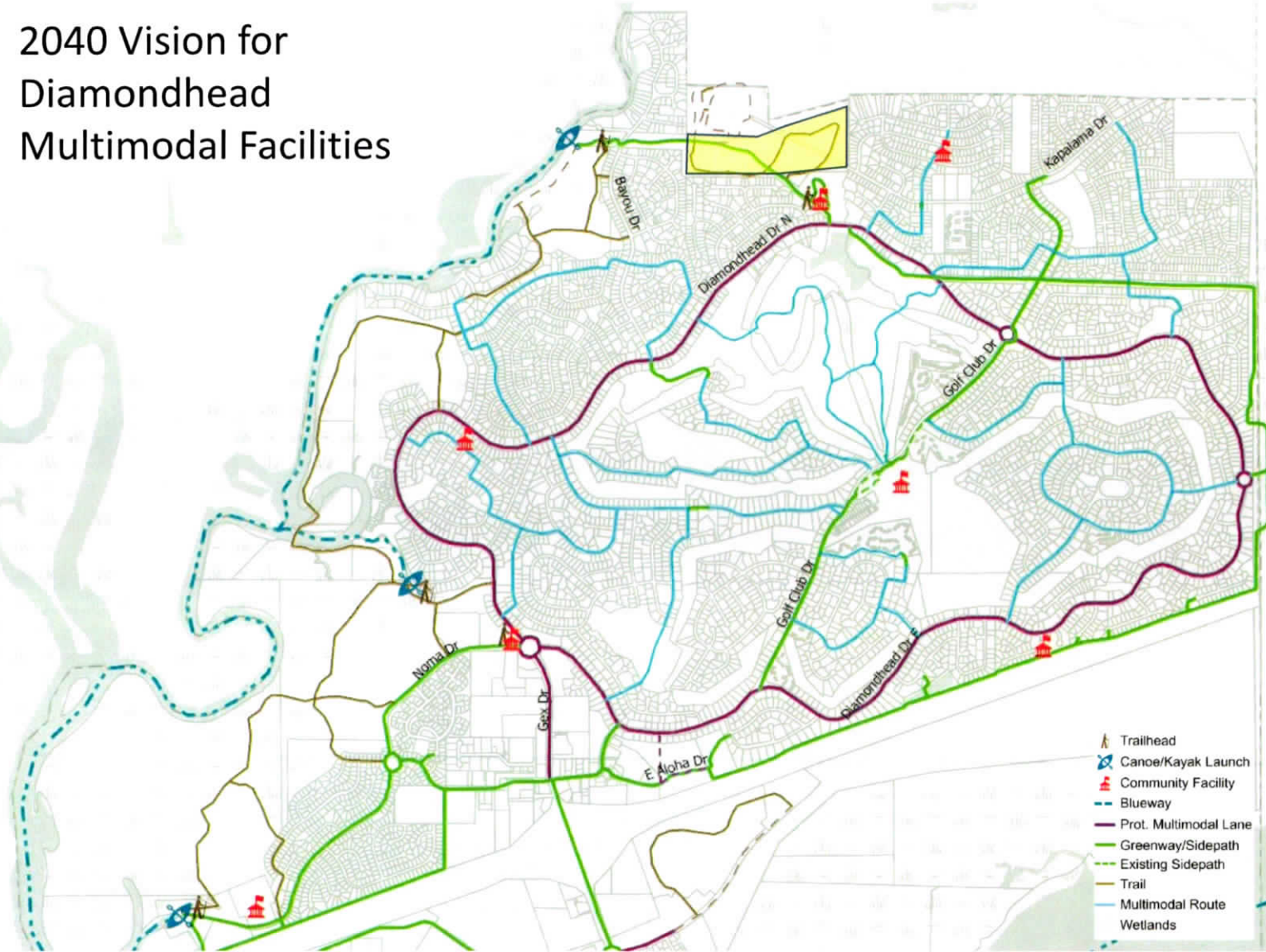
REQUIRED SIGNATURES

REQUESTED BY:
City Manager:
City Attorney:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Info Only Completed:

2040 Vision for Diamondhead Multimodal Facilities








Source: The master plan of the greenways, sidewalks, nature trails, etc. that was developed as part of the Envision Diamondhead 2040 comprehensive plan.

*This proposal addresses the area shaded in yellow

Land Ownership



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|  | Catholic Church Parcel: 067-0-26-012.000 45.4 Acres |
|  | Purcell Co 067E-1-26-044.000 |
|  | Diamondhead Prop Inc 068H-0-27-005.000 |
|  | Diamondhead POA 067F-2-26-106.000 |
|  | Hancock County 067-0-26-012.001 25.4 Acres |

Proposed Trail


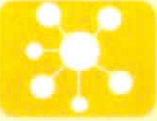



- Over 2 miles of trails for Diamondhead citizens
- All land owned by the Diocese of Biloxi
- Trail Head Begins at Twin Lakes
- Trail could eventually connect to Bayou Drive Kayak Launch
- Trail project would be an Eagle Scout project for Diamondhead resident Nathan Pyron

-  Trail Head
-  Pedestrian Road Crossing
-  Proposed Trail

Request City of Diamondhead Meet with Diocese of Biloxi Attorney to Formally Obtain an Easement for the Trails Described Above

Goals

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|  | Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trail maps, mile markers, trail markers• Signage indicates the difficulty of the trails• Benches posted along the trails for rest• Warning signs regarding potentially dangerous wildlife and plants (e.g. snakes, poison ivy, etc.)• Trails designed to be wide enough to allow emergency vehicle access• Trails designed for safety when nearing or crossing roadways• Trails designed to prevent access by unauthorized motorized vehicles (e.g. Four wheelers) |
|  | Connectivity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide residents with opportunities for hiking, biking, birding, jogging, photography and education• Connect people to the cultural history of the area through educational signage• Interactive Phone apps such as Agents of Discovery would allow customizable self-guided educational tours |
|  | Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design trail with pervious surfaces and other low impact development techniques• Trails minimize the impacts to the environment (e.g. erosion, trash, etc.)• Educational signage regarding native plants and wildlife• Trails located at least 100 feet from residential property lines• Native evergreen trees and shrubs used to provide native wildlife habitat, shade, and privacy for residents• Reduced wildfire risk by providing fire break |