



**MUSCATINE CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item Summary – Regular Meeting**

Date November 4, 2021

**STAFF**

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Nick Gow, Superintendent of Parks  
Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation

**SUBJECT**

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Request for Approval for a Permanent Improvement on Public Property for a Memorial Gazebo

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Presented for City Council’s consideration is a request to approve a permanent improvement on public property for the placement of a Memorial Gazebo along the West Side Trail near the South entrance into the Soccer West parking lot. The Harper family is requesting to donate the materials and labor to construct the gazebo in memory of Charles Harper. The donation would also include a bike fix-it station and a water bottle filling station.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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At this time, the City staff would request that the Muscatine City Council approve the permanent improvement on public property and accept the Memorial donation from the Harper family.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

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Charles Harper served on the Recreation Advisory Committee for several years and was an advocate for the trail system in Muscatine.

City staff met with the Harper family onsite and a location for the memorial was mutually agreed upon. The location of the gazebo fits into the overall plan for this area to serve as a trail head to the Kent Stein Trail, West Side Trail, and the trail leading to Deep Lakes Park.

## **CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The cost of materials and labor for installation of the Memorial will be completed by the Harper family and volunteers.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Harper Family Letter

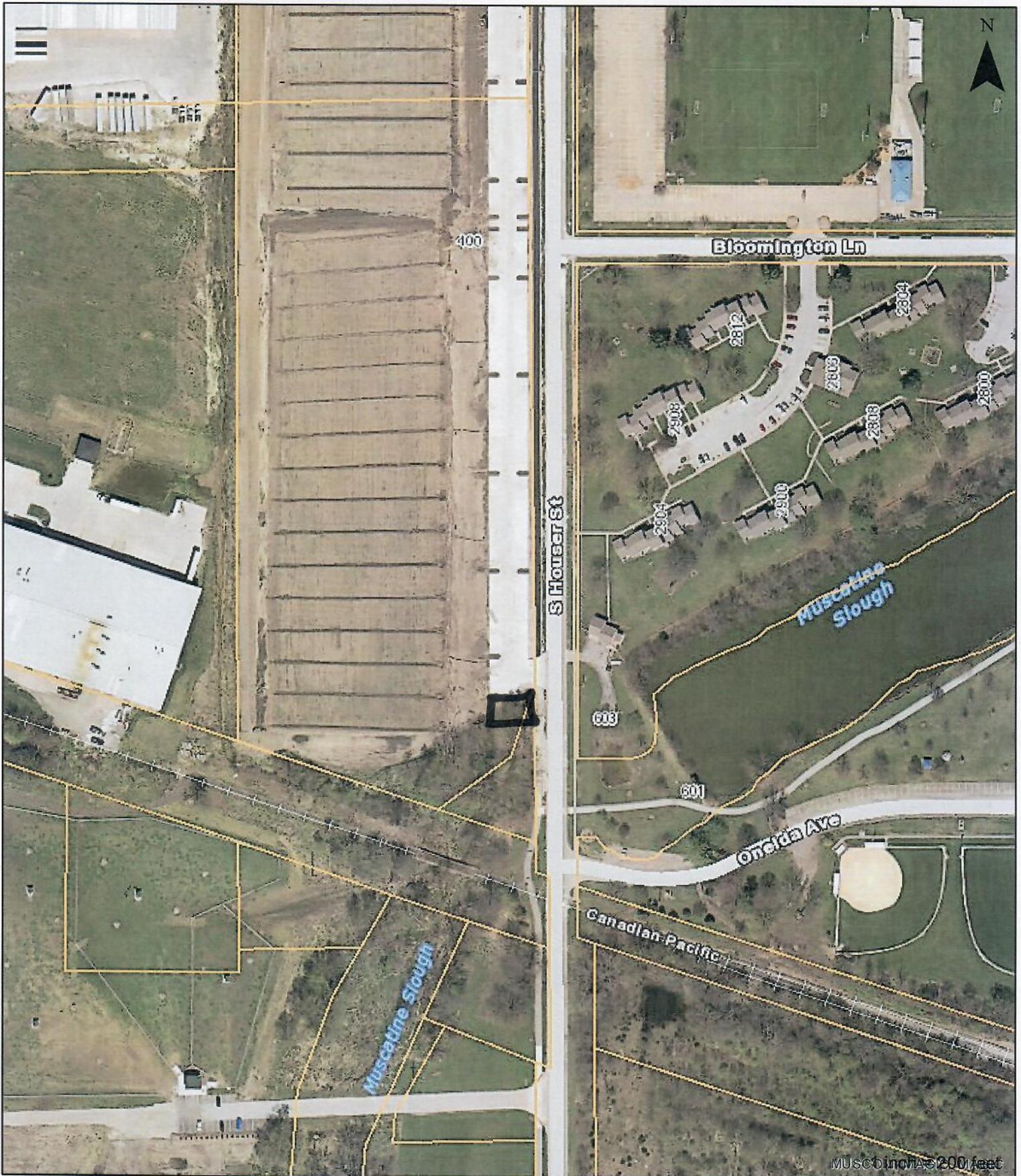
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**Subject:** Charles Harper gazebo

Good afternoon Rich Klimes,  
The HARPER family would like to construct a gazebo on the west side trail extension as a Memorial for Charles Harper. Houser street by the crosswalk the HARPER family and siblings would pay for the structure a fix-it station and would like to have a water bottle filling station at that location also. Would you please consider this and notify us of steps necessary to make this happen we would love to have this structure built before June 1922 if possible. I have attached a picture of the location for the gazebo and it would be similar it would be the same one like was constructed in weed Park and at Deep Lakes on the current trail.

Thank you,  
Greg Harper  
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