

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 299-13

### **AN ORDINANCE**

determining it is in the public interest to construct the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park; approving and adopting plans and specifications; determining that a portion of the work shall be done by contract; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; determining that a portion of the project shall be done by city employees; providing for payment for the improvement; appropriating funds; authorizing the City Manager to obtain, execute and record all documents necessary for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law and state-mandated construction safety training; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the notice of a public hearing on this project was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing on construction of the improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council finds that the construction of the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park, to include the installation of five drystack stone walls and planting 41 trees along the top of each wall, in the City of Columbia, Missouri, is necessary for the welfare and improvement of the city and that it is in the public interest that such improvements be made.

SECTION 2. The plans and specifications for this improvement, as prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation, are hereby approved and made a part of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 3. A portion of the construction of the improvement shall be done by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications, the laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 4. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to call for bids and execute a contract for the grading and construction of the drystack stone walls. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, City employees shall be used to install landscaping and the turf improvements.

SECTION 5. Payment for this improvement shall be made from donated funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 6. The sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated from donated funds to be placed in the Stephens Children's Grove Donations Account No. 753-8500-480.53-57 D74057 to the Stephens Lake Park Development Project Account No. 440-8800-548.49-90 C00095.

SECTION 7. The City Manager is authorized to obtain, execute and have recorded all licenses, easements, deeds and any other conveyances or instruments necessary for the City to complete this improvement.

SECTION 8. The contract for the improvement shall provide that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages, as found by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of Missouri, shall be paid to all workers performing work under the contract. The contractor's bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause in the contract.

SECTION 9. The bid specifications and contract for the improvement shall provide that the contractor and any subcontractor shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program (or a similar program approved by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations) for all employees working on-site. All employees working on the site of the improvement are required to complete the safety program within 60 days of beginning work on the improvement project.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

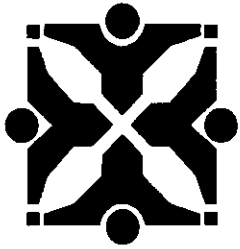
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City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the Stephens Children's Grove Donations Account No. 753-8500-480.53-57 D74057 to cover the above appropriation.

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Director of Finance



Source: Parks and Recreation

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council

From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Oct 7, 2013

Re: The Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with the construction of the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park and to appropriate \$20,000.00 in donations for the project. The funding was raised by members of the "Putting Kids First" organization to provide a safe environment for children's play and act as a site of natural resource education for children. The proposed improvements will be constructed in the northeast section of the park adjacent to the Council Ring of the Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Gardens. The improvements will include five drystack stone walls, the addition of forty-one trees planted along the five stone walls and informational signage to explain the unique purpose of the Children's Grove. Materials for the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and all construction will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Construction is expected to begin in late fall 2013, with an estimated completion in spring of 2014.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Stephens Lake Park Master Plan calls for the theme of Stephens Lake Park to be a combination "Arboretum and Park," and the construction of the Children's Grove will further enhance the Arboretum aspect (Attachment A). The proposed Children's Grove improvements (Attachment B) will take place on the northeast side of Stephens Lake Park located near the East Walnut Street entrance to the park. The 116-acre park was opened for public use in 2001 and has undergone a variety of improvements over the last 12 years, including park amenity installation, landscaping improvements, swimming access and the addition of an amphitheater. After initial discussions between Park staff and members of the "Putting Kids First" organization, the decision was made to raise money to create a space at Stephens Lake Park that would serve as a safe, inviting site for children of Boone County. "Putting Kids First" is a county-wide initiative to promote and support the mental health and well-being of our children and youth. The Children's Grove will symbolize Columbia's effort to protect and provide for children of our community. The funding for the Children's Grove at Stephens Lake Park was raised by members of the organization with a goal of similar areas being constructed in other parts of the city and county. After discussions between Park planning staff and members of the fundraising group, Park Planners developed a proposed design that would improve the site aesthetics, function as a safe environment for children's play and act as a site of natural resource education for children. The Children's Grove will serve as an arborculture community for children of Boone County that will act as a symbol of love, safety and community union.

The proposed improvements to the Stephens Lake Park site will focus on a variety of landscaping improvements, including the addition of five drystack walls and 41 trees that will be planted along the top of each wall. Each of the walls will be 6 to 14 inches tall and all tree varieties will be species with lower canopy heights. The space between the ground and lower portion of the tree canopy will average between 3 to 5 feet in height which will create a forest-like feel for children. The concept of the lower stone wall infrastructure and trees with lower canopy heights is to create an environment that will only allow child-size visitors to pass through without obstruction. The Children's Grove will contain a collection of 30 magnolia trees of three different species that will provide different flowering colors throughout the grove. The remaining 11 trees within the Children's Grove will be a flowering crabapple variety that will complement the growth habit and look of the Magnolia trees. The unique planting and construction is designed to promote creativity, play and provide a safe environment for children within the larger Stephens Lake Park.

The selection of the location of the Children's Grove was made in large part due to the proximity to the Darwin and Axie Hindman Discovery Gardens. Park Staff and members of the fundraising committee felt that the Children's Grove should also have a natural resources educational component at the location. This will give children and their parents the opportunity to explore the multiple gardens within the Hindman Discovery

Gardens and experience the unique design and tree species located within the Children's Grove. Informational signage at the Children's Grove will be designed to match the educational signs at the Discovery Gardens and will provide information regarding the purpose of the Children's Grove and the goals of the "Putting Kids First" organization.

The project is scheduled to begin construction in November with the site grading, drystack wall installation and turf improvements. The construction of the Children's Grove will require staff to remove two trees with a diameter-at-base height of less than 12 inches from the location to complete the project. The 41 trees will be planted following completion of the grading and stone wall construction at the site in December, weather permitting. The project will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Grading and drystack wall construction will be completed using contract labor with the remaining aspects of the project completed by Park staff. A dedication of the Children's Grove is anticipated to take place in Spring 2014.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total project budget is \$20,000.00 and is funded by private donations. Park staff anticipates minimal additional maintenance costs associated with the planting bed maintenance as Park staff already maintains plantings and trees at Stephens Lake Park.

**VISION IMPACT:**

**<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>**

12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

12.2 Goal: Columbia's recreational needs and desires will be met through effective public and private partnerships that provide outstanding, exciting, and diverse recreational facilities such as, but not limited to, an ice skating rink, golf courses, tennis courts, soccer fields, ball fields, ball parks, and swimming pools. These facilities will be placed appropriately throughout the city to allow easy access for everyone.

Implementation task #40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects (parks).

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Approve the legislation setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed and appropriating the necessary funds for the project.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$20,000.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated		Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$20,000.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$20,000.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.2
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	40

Attachment A

# Stephens Lake Park







**CHILDREN'S GROVE  
STEPHENS LAKE PARK**  
2001 EAST BROADWAY

DATE: 10/21/13  
**1.0**



\* (2) Trees, Less than 12" in Trunk Diameter will need to be removed.

\*\* (41) new Trees are Proposed

**Attachment B**

**PROPOSED PLAN LAYOUT**