

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: R103-14

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2014

Re: Woodridge Park Improvements

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance, Exhibit to Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: Plats and Plans

Executive Summary

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with improvements to Woodridge Park and appropriate \$138,000 in private donations to the project. The Department is also requesting Council approval to execute an agreement with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to accept a \$75,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant and appropriate the grant funds for the project. The total project budget is \$213,000 with all funding coming from donations and grants. The project includes the construction of a new inclusive playground, 0.4 mile concrete walking trail with neighborhood connectors, council ring and a one-table shelter in the park. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and park staff labor. Work is scheduled to begin summer 2014 with anticipated completion in fall 2014.

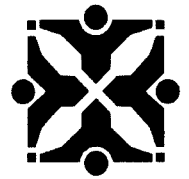
Discussion

Woodridge Park is a 6.12 acre neighborhood park, located at 3532 Berrywood Drive, and features an open playfield with soccer goals, baseball backstop, playground and basketball court. The proposed improvements include the addition of an inclusive playground, 0.4 mile concrete walking trail, trail connectors to existing walkways, council ring and one table shelter. The proposed improvements to Woodridge Park were selected due to the proximity of the park to the Ronald McDonald House, Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, and the University of Missouri Women's and Children's Hospital.

The proposed improvements to Woodridge Park are funded through donations and a Missouri Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Donations for the project include a \$125,000 donation from the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club and \$13,000 in private donations. The \$125,000 donation from the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club was used as a grant match for the \$75,000 LWCF Grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. As part of this project, the Parks and Recreation Department is asking the City Council to appropriate \$213,000 in grant and donation funding. Park staff is anticipating additional donations from \$35,000 to \$50,000 for the Woodridge Park project, if secured, those donations will be appropriated at a later date. The outcome of the additional donation solicitation will determine the size and scope of the playground.

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After initial discussions with members of the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club concerning an inclusive playground improvement project in the city of Columbia, park staff made a recommendation to renovate the playground at Woodridge Park due to the need for replacement of the equipment and the park's proximity to user groups and neighborhood. The Columbia Cosmopolitan Club agreed to contribute to the Woodridge Park project and the group pledged \$125,000 for the project. After acquiring additional project funding through donations and an LWCF grant, park planning staff began the process of designing the potential improvements at the park. Aspects of the design process centered on an inclusive playground, walking trail and connectivity to the Ronald McDonald House and Thompson Autism Center. Park planning staff completed the plans for the proposed renovations and held an interested parties meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Woodridge Park. Staff spoke with over 25 citizens during the meeting and collected comments concerning the proposed improvements. After considering all citizen comments, staff believes that the proposed improvements represent a consensus of park users and staff.

The improvements at Woodridge Park will include an inclusive playground that will serve all children in the community. The playground will meet all ADA standards concerning accessibility and will include play features such as ramps for wheelchair accessibility, music therapy, a group swing and ground-level features. The playground area will have rubber poured-in-place surfacing to improve ADA accessibility and eliminate the use of wood fiber mulch at the park. Other improvements to the park include a 0.4 mile walking trail around the park property. The trail will be a 5 foot wide concrete path with trail connections to the sidewalks along Berrywood Drive as well as a connection to the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House was constructed in 2013 and is located directly west of the park property. Park staff is also proposing to add two new seating areas for citizens utilizing the park. A single table shelter will be added next to the playground and basketball court. Park staff will also construct a small council ring in the wooded area between the playground and walking trail to provide a passive sitting area within the park. Additional amenities to the park including new park signage and a water fountain near the playground and basketball court will be added during the renovation process.

The renovation project at Woodridge Park is included in the City's FY-14 capital improvement budget with construction scheduled to begin in summer 2014 with an anticipated completion date of late fall 2014. The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for the installation of the playground, walking trail and connectors. Park staff will be responsible for the completion of all other facets of the project.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project budget is \$213,000 and is funded by private donations (\$138,000) and a LWCF grant (\$75,000) from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Park staff does not anticipate any negative fiscal impact and will continue to complete daily maintenance activities during the renovation process.

Long-Term Impact: No anticipated increase in annual maintenance expenses, as park staff is already maintaining the existing park and amenities.

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Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Parks, Recreation and Greenways

Strategic Plan Impact: Customer Focused Government, Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed, executing the agreement with the Department of Natural Resources and appropriating the funds for the project.

Legislative History

A resolution (R 48-13) was passed by the City Council on March 4, 2013 authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources relating to park improvements at Woodridge Park.

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Department Approved



City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 103-14

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements at Woodridge Park to include an ADA accessible playground, concrete walking trail, trail connectors to existing walkways, a council ring and a one-table shelter; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the improvement; providing for payment for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law; and setting a public hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council deems the construction of improvements at Woodridge Park to include an ADA accessible playground, concrete walking trail, trail connectors to existing walkways, a council ring and a one-table shelter, necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City.

SECTION 2. The nature and scope of the improvement shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, transportation, insurance and all other items, accessories and incidentals thereto necessary for the complete construction of the improvements.

SECTION 3. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$213,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from private donations, a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. Any work done in connection with the construction of the improvement specified above shall be in compliance with the provisions of the prevailing wage laws of the State of Missouri.

SECTION 6. A public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on June 16, 2014. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

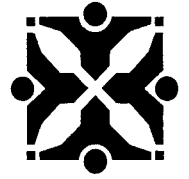
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH
THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Plats & Plans



WOODRIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6-2-2014
COLUMBIA, MO PARKS AND RECREATION



**PASSIVE NATURE
TRAIL**



**ACCESSIBLE
RAMPS TO ALL
EQUIPMENT**



COUNCIL RING



**GROUND LEVEL
ACTIVITIES**



**SINGLE TABLE
PICNIC SHELTER**



**ACCESSIBLE
SWINGS**



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WOODRIDGE PARK CHARACTER PHOTOS

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