Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 19, 2017

Re: Parks and Recreation Miscellaneous Donation Appropriation Request

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council action to appropriate funds in the total amount of $37,025 from multiple park miscellaneous revenue and donation accounts to the appropriate operating and project accounts for their intended use.

Discussion

1. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting $25,000 received as a donation from the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club for improvements to Nifong Park be appropriated to the Nifong Park Improvements capital project account. The funding is part of an overall commitment of $125,000 to the Nifong Park Improvement Project by the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. The funds will be given to the department annually over a 5 year period in $25,000 increments. The donated funds will supplement the $250,000 in Park Sales Tax budgeted for the project. The improvements at Nifong Park include a new medium shelter, themed playground, parking, ADA walkways, lighting and a small shelter. A public hearing was held and the project was approved at the February 1, 2016 council meeting.

2. The Department is requesting $9,000 received in donations for the Memorial/Heritage Bench Program be appropriated to the Planning and Development Construction Division operating account for Memorial/Heritage benches.

3. The Department is requesting $2,465 received as a donation from private citizens be appropriated to the Norma Sutherland Smith capital project account.  The donated funds will be used to create a small Children’s Grove at Norma Sutherland Smith Park.  The first Children’s Grove ornamental tree collection was constructed in 2014 at Stephens Lake Park and serves as a reminder that the citizens of Columbia honor and protect our children. The park is currently under development. A public hearing was held and the park development project was approved at the October 17, 2016 council meeting.

4. The Department is requesting $560 received as a donation from private citizens be appropriated to the Horticulture Division operating account.  The donated funds will be used to purchase flowering bulbs that will be planted along the MKT Trail in the fall of 2017. The donation allows the flowering bulb planting program to continue along the MKT Trail to improve the spring aesthetics along the trail.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The appropriations, totaling $37,025, will be used to supplement current park construction projects, add amenities to existing parks and trails, and reimburse specific operating accounts for their corresponding expenditures. Staff does not anticipate an adverse fiscal impact associated with the appropriations, and all funds will be spent for their intended use to assist with project completion.

Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

[Vision Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/CMS/vision/reports/visiongoals.php)

Primary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Secondary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| 01/03/201710/17/201602/01/201604/20/2015 | Ord #023051, Appropriating funds received from donations (for MKT bulbs) and miscellaneous revenue <https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2909980&GUID=94DE39C1-F863-45B9-B588-1EEDF50E9240&Options=&Search>=Ord #022972, Authorizing construction of Phase II improvements at Norma Sutherland Smith Park<https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2848831&GUID=6FABD20E-7C8B-4F6B-A6B5-3F8891AE208C&Options=&Search>=Ord #022726, Authorizing construction of the Nifong Park Improvements Project and appropriating funds<http://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=20356>Ord #022414, Appropriating Memorial/Heritage Tree and Bench and Children’s Grove donations<https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=17185> |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance appropriating the funds.