Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017

Re: City/School Co-op Playground Improvement Agreement: New Haven and West Boulevard Elementary Schools

Executive Summary

Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). The City’s FY-2018 CIP budget includes $30,000 for the City/School cooperative playground improvement program. CPSD has identified the installation of new playground equipment at New Haven and West Boulevard Elementary Schools as their priorities for FY-2018 funding. The City’s funding source for the $30,000 for the playground equipment installation comes from the 2015 Park Sales Tax. An ordinance is needed to authorize the cooperative agreement.

Discussion

Columbia Public School District (CPSD) has identified New Haven Elementary School and West Boulevard Elementary School as their priorities for the FY-2018 City/School playground improvement grant. Total funding for FY-2018 is $30,000 and the specific projects are:

* West Boulevard Elementary – playground equipment $15,000
* New Haven Elementary – playground equipment $15,000

Previous projects funded under this policy include Grant (1998), Benton (2000), Field (2000), Lee (2001), West Blvd (2002), Parkade (2004), Mill Creek (2005), Shepard (2006), Blue Ridge (2007), Russell (2007), Ridgeway (2007), Parkade Phase II (2008), Fairview (2009), Derby Ridge (2010), Grant (2011) West Junior (2012) and Shepard, West Blvd (replaces New Haven), Lee (2013), Hickman (2014), New Haven and Russell (2015), New Haven and Parkade (2016) and Fairview and Paxton Keeley (2017). No appropriation was funded in FY-2003. These projects have been positively received by both the school and the general public.

The cooperative agreement provides procedures for implementing the playground improvement projects and ensures that the facilities will be open for public use. CPSD is responsible for the construction and ongoing maintenance related to the improvements. This ordinance, if approved, authorizes the cooperative agreement with Columbia Public School District.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project cost is $30,000. The funding for the projects is budgeted in the FY-2018 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program, and the projects are funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: None. Columbia Public School District is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the project after completion.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

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

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

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

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| Date | Action |
| 12/19/2016  04/06/2015 | [Ordinance #23037 - Authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for playground improvement projects at Parkade Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School, Benton Elementary School and Paxton Keeley Elementary School.](https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2898108&GUID=A779B13E-47FB-447C-92C3-DD516DA8ABED&Options=&Search=)  [Ordinance #22400 - Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Public School District for FY 2015 playground improvement projects](http://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=17034) |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the agreement with Columbia Public Schools for playground improvements at New Haven and West Boulevard Elementary Schools.