Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 2, 2018

Re: Parks and Recreation Donation and Miscellaneous Revenue Appropriations

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council action to appropriate funds in the amount of $1,020 to the Planning and Development Division operating account. The funds are a donation from Walt’s Bike Shop to support the Bike Co-op operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Discussion

The Department is requesting $1,020 received as a donation from Walt’s Bike Shop be appropriated to the Planning and Development Division operating account.

The CoMO Bike Co-op is a newly created program offered by the Department in partnership with GetAbout Columbia. The CoMO Bike Co-op's philosophy is to provide individuals with the knowledge and tools needed for transportation independence through hands-on learning and support, and promote bicycling throughout the community. The program will be housed in a refurbished classroom at the Armory Sports Center, located at 701 E. Ash Street. The Co-op will begin programming on January 7, 2018 and include bicycle education classes, pro bono bike repair and youth Earn-a-Bike opportunities. In addition to services provided at the Armory, staff will also offer bike repair services at select community events.

The program’s mission is to increase transportation independence through bicycle ridership, especially among Columbia’s most underserved individuals. The primary focus is the Earn-a-Bike program. Young adults will have the opportunity to learn valuable social and transportation skills as they assist with pro bono bike repair and refurbish a donated bicycle that becomes theirs to keep at the completion of the Earn-a-Bike program.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The appropriations, totaling $1,020, will support the programs offered by the CoMO Bike Co-op.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

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

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, 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: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance appropriating the funds.