A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for development of Smiley Lane Park; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost thereof; 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 that the construction of improvements at the Smiley Lane Park, including a gravel trail, a cul-de-sac at the terminus of Jackal Drive, walkways, basketball half court, picnic area, small shelter, playground and open playfield area, is 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 \$145,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from the Park Sales Tax Fund, 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. This resolution shall be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Columbia for seven (7) consecutive insertions, and a public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the Daniel Boone Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

Mike Hood

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff
DATE: November 5, 2008
RE: Smiley Lane Neighborhood Park Development

<u>Summary:</u> The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with the development of the 5.25 acre Smiley Lane Neighborhood Park. The Department believes that the attached plan represents a consensus of the neighborhood as determined by an interested parities park planning meeting. Total project cost is \$145,000 including FY-09 funding in the amount of \$110,000 from the 2005 1/8-cent Park Sales Tax and \$35,000 in force account labor. Construction is scheduled to begin late this winter or early spring and will be conducted by both contract and force account labor.

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<u>Project Description:</u> The proposed Smiley Lane Park is located south of Smiley Lane between the Vanderveen and Brookside Square subdivisions. This neighborhood park location is identified in the 2002 Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan – Facility Needs Study as a target area for neighborhood park land. Funds for the development of the park were included in the 2005 Park Sales Tax ballot issue.

This parkland became part of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department in March 2006 when it was acquired from Rabbit Ears LLC (Tom Bass) for the purchase price of \$150,393. The property was appraised at a \$180,000, but the department's budget was \$150,000. Mr. Bass agreed to sell the land at a lower value in exchange for a \$30,000 donation credit.

The Smiley Lane Park planning process included an on-site interested parities planning meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2008. The planning meeting was advertised in the Columbia Daily Tribune and park staff posted signs at the access points of the neighborhood. The proposed plans were posted on the department's website and comments were taken by both email and phone calls. Participants that submitted their email addresses were also notified of the park planning process, plans, and subsequent meetings.

At the 8/28/08 meeting, park planners presented two preliminary concept plans to approximately 11 people. Those in attendance were asked to submit written comments on the proposed plans. The majority of the respondents preferred option 1 where the active features of the park was located on the south side, further away from Smiley Lane. Most respondents were in favor of a full size basketball court. The department does not have the funds for a full size court, but will grade the site so that a full court could be made as funding becomes available.

Fiscal Impact

YES X

NO

Other Info. Proj #C00420 Ward 2 As requested via City Council Tracker 2182, park staff has worked with Public Works to determine if the cul-de-sac located at the terminus of Jackal Drive could be reduced in size. The financial savings resulting from a smaller cul-de-sac would allow additional funds for playground equipment. The standard neighborhood park playground budget is \$15,000 for equipment and \$5,000 for contract installation. If additional funds are located, they would be used to add playground features such as a swing set, climbing walls and other stand alone amenities that are normally not included in a neighborhood park due to financial limitations.

Public Works is agreeable to reducing the cul-de-sac in size and will work with park planners on the exact dimension. The "Smiley Lane Park Master Plan" will reflect that additional playground features will be added.

Park staff believes that the attached "Proposed Smiley Lane Park Master Plan" represents a consensus of a majority of the neighborhood. The project is included in the City's FY-09 capital improvement budget with a total project cost of \$145,000 including funding in the amount of \$110,000 from the 2005 1/8-cent Park Sales Tax and \$35,000 in force account labor.

Construction is scheduled to begin this winter or early spring and will be conducted by both contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for the playground installation, earthwork and site grading, and force account labor for the remaining park amenities, including but not limited to walkways, gravel trail, basketball half-court, picnic area, small shelter and landscaping. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department.

The park service area includes the neighborhoods of Brookside Square, Vanderveen and Bradley Place. Therefore, in using the department's policy for the naming of parks, staff is recommending that the name of the park be "Smiley Lane Park" as it represents the primary boundary road. Plus, this was the preferred name of those that attended the interested parties meeting. Staff shall proceed with developing park signs denoting the park as so named unless otherwise directed.

<u>Recommended Council Action:</u> If the Council concurs that the project should proceed, the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance appropriating the funds, naming the park, and authorizing the construction phase of the project to proceed should be adopted.



