

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements to the baseball/softball fields at Albert-Oakland Park; 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 to the baseball/softball fields at Albert-Oakland Park, specifically to include renovation to the baseball/softball field surfaces, expansion of existing dugouts, installation of LED scoreboards, installation of new fencing, relocation of utilities, installation of irrigation on the outfield turf, construction of batting cages and bullpens, and the installation of new bleachers, a water fountain, foul poles and bat racks, 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 \$150,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from park sales tax funds 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 October 1, 2012. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: Parks and Recreation *MM*

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff *MM*

Council Meeting Date: Sep 17, 2012

Re: Albert-Oakland Baseball/Softball Field Renovations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with improvements to the baseball/softball fields located at Albert-Oakland Park. As shown in the FY-2013 CIP, these improvements include renovations to the playing surfaces, upgrades to field fencing, and relocation of utilities. Park planning staff have met with baseball/softball user groups and held interested parties meetings to discuss the proposed improvements. Staff believes that the proposed renovations represent a consensus of users and P&R staff. The project budget is \$150,000 and is being funded through the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot issue. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and staff park labor. Work is scheduled to begin October 2012 with the goal of having all renovations completed by the beginning of the spring 2013 baseball/softball season.

DISCUSSION:

The Albert-Oakland baseball/softball fields are located within the 73 acre Albert-Oakland Park located at 1900 Blue Ridge Road. The baseball/softball fields feature 2 lighted fields, ag-lime infields, and a shared asphalt parking lot. The two fields are adjacent to an accessible shelter, restrooms, basketball and volleyball courts. In conjunction with Diamond Council, Boone County Baseball and other private rentals, the Parks and Recreation department annually schedules competitive and recreational youth baseball & softball games on the two fields from March until November.

Park planners first met on-site with P&R staff from the maintenance, planning, construction and sports programming divisions in order to identify needed renovations. After reviewing all recommendations, park planning staff created a concept plan designed to incorporate all necessary renovations. The concept plan was then distributed to members of the youth baseball/softball associations for comment and review. After gathering additional information from those groups, park planners revised the plan and held an interested parties meeting at the ARC on Thursday, August 16th to present the proposed plan to the public and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

After the conclusion of the interested parties meeting, the final design, project priorities, and budget was determined. The following list of renovations is proposed for the baseball/softball fields at Albert-Oakland Park:

1. Expansion of the existing dugouts to allow access to each side of the dugout and increase the amount of space within the dugout for players and equipment. Every player now carries their own equipment/bat bag and the existing dugouts are considerably smaller than the ones built at newer facilities such as Atkins Baseball Complex and Rainbow Softball Center.
2. Installation of LED scoreboards on each field to allow for score keeping during games and tournaments. The existing fields do not have permanent scoreboards.
3. Each backstop will be moved 20 ft. towards the outfield fence to create more separation between the two fields to reduce the risk of injury from foul balls and create more spectator space behind the dugouts. The field dimensions will become smaller, but the ability to play all desired age groups on the fields will not change.
4. The fence fabric will be replaced throughout the complex and yellow protective fence crown will be installed on the outfield fences for player protection.
5. The electrical components necessary to operate the lighting for the two fields will be moved from its current location next to the dugouts and placed on the hillside above the fields. The relocation of the electrical utilities will move them away from spectators and players and reduce the risk of injury and vandalism to the components.

6. Irrigation will be installed on the turf in the outfields at the complex to allow us to maintain desired turf conditions throughout the playing season.
7. Park staff will construct batting cages and bullpens at the fields to provide safe practice areas for teams warming up before games.
8. New bleachers and additional amenities such as a water fountain, foul poles and bat racks will be installed by park staff during the renovations.

The renovation project at Albert-Oakland Park is included in the City's FY-13 capital improvement budget with construction scheduled to begin in the fall of 2012. Different aspects of the renovations will take place throughout the fall and winter with the goal of completing the majority of the projects before the spring 2013 baseball/softball season.

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 all backstop and dugout fencing with park staff providing labor for the demolition of the old fencing and dugouts. Park staff will be responsible for the completion of all other facets of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a renovation project for the two existing baseball/softball fields at Albert-Oakland Park. The total project cost is estimated at \$150,000 and is funded through the 2010 Parks Sales Tax. The department currently schedules league and tournament games on the two fields and is already committed to the maintenance of the facility. The renovations that will take place will not only improve the quality of the playing experience, but may also help reduce maintenance costs related to the current condition of the utilities and infrastructure at the two fields. The goal of this project is to maintain and attract more user groups and tournaments to the facility generating additional income for the department.

VISION IMPACT:

<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

12.2 Goal: Columbia's recreational needs and desires will be met through effective public and private partnerships that provide outstanding, exciting, and diverse recreational facilities such as, but not limited to, an ice skating rink, golf courses, tennis courts, soccer fields, ball fields, ball parks, and swimming pools. These facilities will be placed appropriately throughout the city to allow easy access for everyone.

Implementation task #40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects (parks).

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Approve the resolution setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$150,000.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$150,000.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$150,000.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.2
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	40



ALBERT-OAKLAND PARK

1900 Blue Ridge Road

Project Locations ★



OAKLAND
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

PROPOSED
RESTROOM

PROPOSED
12 FT WALK

PROPOSED
FIELD
RENOVATIONS



Albert-Oakland Trailside Restroom & Field Renovations



Albert-Oakland Field Renovations August 14, 2012