

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements to Rainbow Softball Center; 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 Rainbow Softball Center, specifically to include the expansion of existing dugouts, scoreboard replacements, renovations to the baseball field surfaces and the installation of new fencing, 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 \$200,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Recreation Services User Fees 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 17, 2011. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply:	
\$200,000	City's current net FY cost. RSR Capital
\$0	Amount of Funds Already appropriated
\$0	Amount of budget amendment needed
\$0	Estimated 2 yr net costs: One-time
\$0	Operating / On-going
Program Impact:	
N	New program/ agency (Y/N)
N	Duplicates/expands an existing program (Y/N)
N	Fiscal impact on any local political subdivision (Y/N)
Resources Required:	
N	Requires add'l FTE personnel? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional facilities? (Y/N)
N	Requires additional capital equipment? (Y/N)
Mandates:	
N	Federal or state mandated? (Y/N)
Vision Implementation Impact Enter Below All That Applies: Refer to Website:	
Y	Vision Impact? (Y/N or if N, go no further)
12.1	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
#	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item#
40	FY10/FY11 Implementation Task#

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff *MM*
DATE: September 19, 2011
RE: Rainbow Softball Center Improvements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with renovations to the Rainbow Softball Center, specifically, improvements to the six softball fields located within the complex. These improvements will include renovations to multiple aspects of the playing surfaces and the field fencing. Park planning staff recently conducted a user survey and held interested party meetings and believes that the proposed renovations represent a consensus of users and park staff. The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed with a combination of contract and park staff labor. Work is scheduled to begin on the six fields in November 2011 at the end of the fall softball season. Total project cost is estimated at \$200,000 and is funded through the Recreation Services User Fee fund.

DISCUSSION:

The Rainbow Softball Center is located within the 533 acre Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area at 1615 Business Loop 70 West. The softball complex features 6 lighted softball fields, concession/restroom facility, playground, batting cages, and a shared asphalt parking lot.

Staff's first step in attempting to identify needed renovations for the complex was to conduct a survey of user groups. The survey was used to gather information, suggestions, and priorities for facility renovations. Surveys were submitted via the City's website or by completing hard copy surveys located at the Rainbow Softball Center concession stand. The survey generated 275 respondents and their answers were used to develop a proposed list of renovation priorities.

On Thursday, August 4th, and Friday, August 5th, the Sports Turf Park Supervisor conducted interested party meetings at the facility to discuss the proposed improvements with users. Ninety-three (93) users stopped by to discuss priorities and agreed that many of the proposed improvements were needed to improve the safety, playability and aesthetic value of the complex.

A meeting with department staff was held to finalize the list of renovations and gather final comments and suggestions. The following is a list of renovations funded by the Recreation Services User Fee Fund that are proposed to be completed beginning in November of 2011:

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 the Atkins Baseball Complex (See Attachment A).

2. Removal of the current foul line to improve the safety of the playing surface. The fields will be sodded and foul lines will be painted weekly.
3. Replacement of the current scoreboards with LED scoreboards that will cut future energy costs and will not require the level of maintenance needed by the current scoreboards.
4. Addition of new backstop fencing and shade screening to protect player vision from issues with the setting sun and foul ball protection for spectators.
5. Renovation of the infield material to improve playability and decrease the number of rainouts.
6. Installation of a yellow fence crown on the outfield fences for player protection and installation of new maintenance gates to replace the current failing gates.

The Rainbow Softball Center renovation project is included in the City's FY-12 capital improvement budget with construction scheduled to begin in November 2011. Different aspects of the renovations will take place throughout the year with the goal of completing the majority of the projects before the spring 2012 softball season.

The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and park staff labor. Contract labor will be used for the installation of all backstop and dugout fencing with park staff providing the 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 six existing fields at Rainbow Softball Center. The total project cost is estimated at \$200,000 and is funded through the Recreational Services User Fee funds. The Department currently schedules league and tournament games on the six fields and is already committed to maintenance of the complex. The renovations that will take place will not only improve the quality of the playing experience, but will also help reduce maintenance costs related to getting the fields ready for play after inclement weather. The renovations of the complex will also improve the aesthetic value of the facility with a goal of attracting more user groups and tournaments to the facility with improved playing conditions and an overall upgrade of the facility.

VISION IMPACT:

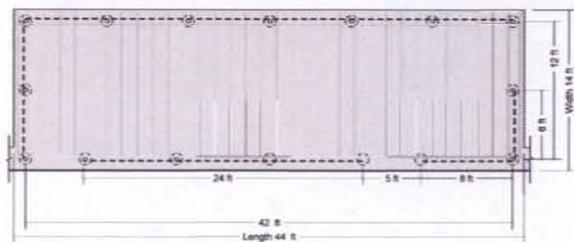
12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

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

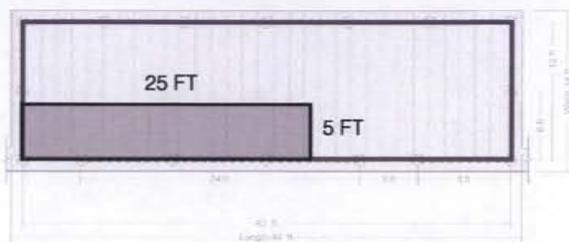
SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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 authorizing the project should be adopted.

RAINBOW BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DUGOUT EXPANSION



NEW DUGOUT PLAN



RAINBOW DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION



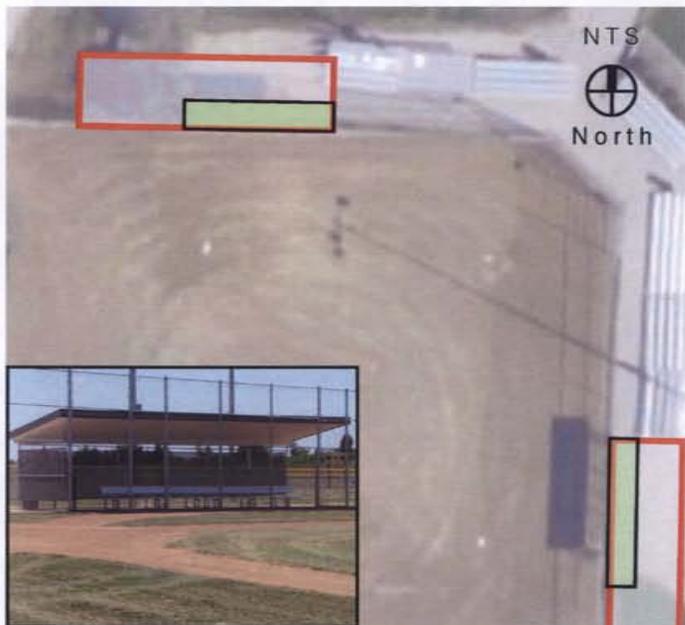
RAINBOW DUGOUTS

Existing dugouts on site. Currently twelve of these are located on the Rainbow complex. Dugouts have only one entrance, which is accessed only by first accessing the infield shown here in blue.



BENCHES

Benches are of aluminum construction. Benches have seating and a backing but no space either on top of or behind for equipment storage during game use.



RAINBOW DUGOUTS OVERLAY

Shown here is a character picture of a new dugout at Atkins baseball field complex along with a plan showing the size of a new dugout construction on an existing field at the Rainbow complex. New Construction dugouts are exactly four times the size of the existing dugouts at Rainbow at 504 sq. ft. as appose to 125 sq. ft. The exterior dimensions of the new dugouts are shown as a red outline over the two dugouts on this field.



ATKINS DUGOUTS

Perspective of typical new dugout construction. Two in-field facing entrances are shown in blue and an exterior facing entry way is shown in orange. Dugouts also consist of a sloping roof as appose to a flat roof construction.



LEGION BENCHES

New construction of dugout bench seating. Aluminum frame and seating facade as well as extra backing for equipment placement and storage during game play.



EXISTING RAINBOW DUGOUT LOCATIONS

