



Source: Parks and Recreation *AK*

Agenda Item No: REP 19-13

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

Council Meeting Date: Feb 4, 2013

Re: Partnership with Columbia Public School District on Elementary School Gyms

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Columbia Parks and Recreation Department staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding a proposed partnership for gym construction at the two new elementary schools. Staff is proposing that the City enter into an agreement with the Columbia Public School District where the City will contribute \$150,000 each towards the two new elementary schools. In exchange for the City's contribution, the gyms will be larger, contain bleachers for spectator seating and consist of a flooring material that is suitable for various athletic games and practices. Funding for this project would be from the Park Sales Tax and will be payable to the District upon substantial completion of the first gym in 2014 and the second in 2015. If Council concurs with this proposal, staff will continue to work with the District to draft a formal agreement and return to Council for its approval. School District representatives are currently discussing this proposal with the Columbia Board of Education.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Columbia Public School District is in the process of planning and constructing two new elementary schools, one near Battle High School and one at a site to be determined. Staff from Parks & Recreation Department have met with representatives from the School District regarding the size and related amenities of the two gyms that are being planned for the new elementary schools. Typical elementary gyms are smaller in size with economical flooring such as carpet or vinyl composition tile. Usually the gyms are too small for P&R youth leagues and the flooring is not suitable for organized games. In exchange for a larger gym with suitable flooring for athletic events, the Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to contribute \$150,000 towards the construction of a gym featuring a 45 x 70 ft. court, has retractable bleachers for spectator seating and consists of a rubber composite flooring that is suitable for athletic events. Parks and Recreation would have priority scheduling for youth sports games and practices during non-school hours.

It is anticipated that the elementary school near Battle High School will open in time for the 2015-2016 academic year. Payment of the City's contribution would be made in 2014 as the gym construction is significantly completed. The second elementary school is scheduled to open in time for the 2016-2017 academic year with an anticipated gym payment in 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to this report. If an agreement is reached, staff anticipates using Park Sales Tax funds for the City's portion of the gym construction.

**VISION IMPACT:**

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

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.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**If the Council concurs that the proposed partnership with the School District for enhanced gyms at the two new elementary schools be pursued, a motion directing staff to continue working with CPSD to develop a formal agreement should be passed. Once an agreement is reached, staff will return to Council for approval.**

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	<b>Vision Implementation impact</b>	
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:		<b>Resources Required</b>		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$0.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.2
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	