

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for the development of Grasslands 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 development of Grasslands Park, including the development of an open space area, construction of a trail, picnic area and playground, is necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City.

SECTION 2. The nature and scope of the improvements 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 the improvements is \$113,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for the improvements 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 improvements 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 June 16, 2008.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

TO: City Council
FROM: City Manager and Staff 
DATE: May 22, 2008
RE: Grasslands Neighborhood Park Development

Mike Hood


Summary: The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with the development of Grasslands Neighborhood Park. The Department has worked with the neighborhood and believe that the attached plan represents a majority consensus. The plan recommends development of an open space area, trail, picnic area and a playground. This project is included in the FY-08 capital improvement program and includes a total project budget of \$113,000. Funding is from the 2005 Park Sales Tax. Construction is scheduled to begin late this summer and will be conducted by both contract and force account labor.

Fiscal Impact

YES X

NO

Project Description: Grasslands Park is located south of the MKT Trail and adjacent to the northern boundary of Clarkson Road. 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. The park was acquired via donations from the Grassland neighborhoods.

Other Info.
 Proj #C00347
 Ward 4

The Department conducted two neighborhood park planning meetings on April 10, 2008 and on May 15, 2008. The two planning meetings were advertised in the Columbia Daily Tribune (April 6 & May 11) and park staff posted signs at the access points of the neighborhood. Proposed plans and the meeting dates were also posted on the department's website and comments were accepted by both email and phone calls. Participants that submitted their email were also updated regularly regarding the park planning process, plan revisions, and subsequent meetings. At the initial planning meeting on April 10, thirty-five people were in attendance and submitted comments regarding the proposed plans. Using this information, park planners developed a single master plan and conducted a second planning meeting on May 11.

Staff also posted the proposed plan on the department's website and emailed copies to everyone that made their email available. At the final May 11 meeting, six people stopped by expressing support for the plan.

Park planning staff believes that the attached "Grasslands Park Proposed Master Plan" represents a consensus of the neighborhood. The neighborhood overwhelming preferred a minimally developed plan consisting of trails, open space, picnic area and a playground. Typical neighborhood park features such as a basketball half-court and picnic shelter were strongly opposed. Since the acquisition of this park was made possible via donations by the neighborhood, park planning staff felt it was important to honor their concerns.

At the request of the neighborhood, park staff is not proposing a sidewalk along the north side of Clarkson Road. This is because of the number of trees that would have to be removed in order to grade and construct a sidewalk. Clarkson is a dead-end street with little traffic and most people utilize the sidewalk on the south side of the street.

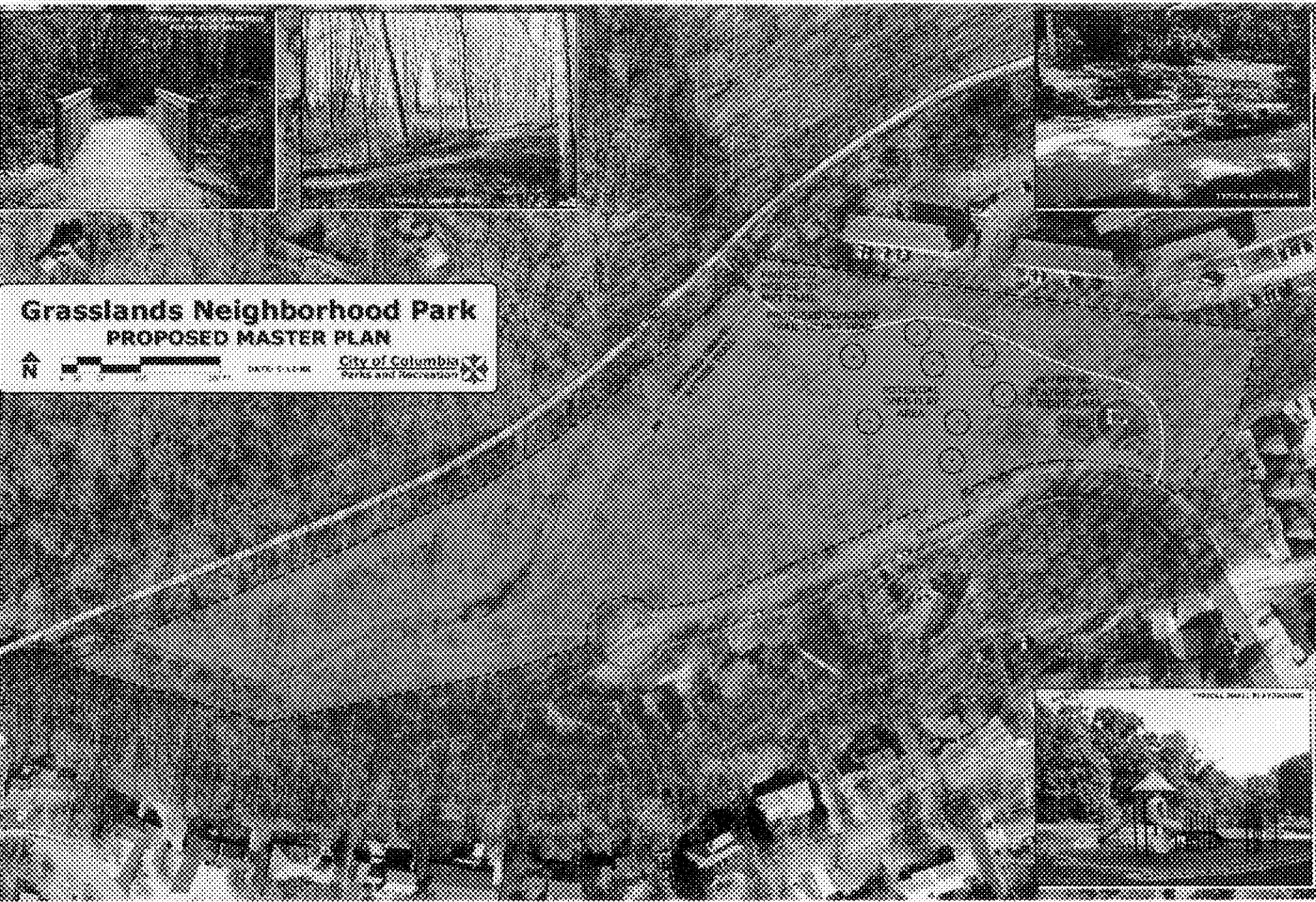
The park may also include future funding from the GetAbout Columbia project, utilizing non-motorized funds for the construction of a bridge that will connect the park to the MKT Trail and funds to add a concrete surface to the proposed trail. This is not part of this request and GetAbout staff will return to Council at a later date seeking authorization to proceed with these two enhancements.

The project is included in the City's FY-08 capital improvement program with a total budget of \$113,000 and is funded through the 2005 Park Sales Tax.

Construction is scheduled to begin this year 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, trails, picnic areas, and landscaping. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department.

Park staff is recommending that the name of the park be "Grasslands Park" and will proceed with developing park signs denoting the park as so named unless otherwise directed.

Recommended Council Action: If the Council concurs that the project should proceed then the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance authorizing the construction phase of the project should be adopted



Grasslands Neighborhood Park

PROPOSED MASTER PLAN

