

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of a four court tennis complex and related walkways and the installation of landscaping at Cosmo-Bethel 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 Cosmo-Bethel Park, specifically the construction of a four court tennis complex and related walkways and the installation of landscaping, 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 \$120,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from the 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. 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 March 17, 2008.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

Source

Michael Hood 

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager and Staff 

DATE: February

RE: Cosmo-Bethel Park Tennis Court Expansion

Fiscal Impact

YES x

NO

Other Info.

Summary: As included in the City's FY-08 CIP, the Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with the bidding and construction of the proposed four court tennis complex, to be located in Cosmo-Bethel Park. This will create a 12 court complex with eight courts located on and managed by the City and four courts located on and managed by the Columbia Public School District. Total cost of the project is \$120,000 and is funded by the Park Sales Tax. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will consist of contract labor to construct the courts and walkways and force account labor for landscaping. The project will be bid following Council approval with an early summer construction schedule. Anticipated completion date is August 1, 2008.

Discussion: The project will consist of the construction of four tennis courts which shall be located in the Cosmo-Bethel Park. The courts shall be constructed on park property adjacent to Gentry Middle School and Rock Bridge High School as indicated in the Cosmo-Bethel Park Master Plan (Attachment A). The court layout is designed to achieve an efficient use of the space and to provide an attractive 12-court championship quality tennis complex for both public and school use.

The specifications and plans (Attachment B) for the project have been prepared by park staff and contain the following requirements:

- a. The courts shall be asphalt and designed according to USTA standards.
- b. The four new courts will not be lighted. It is anticipated that lighting will be installed at later dates as funding becomes available.
- c. The fencing shall consist of dividing corners to help prevent wayward tennis balls from traveling from one court to another. These corners are often referred to as "California corners" and are similar to the existing eight courts.
- d. The project shall be bid with the tennis court construction consisting of the base bid. Alternate bids shall include grading, walkways connecting the four new courts to the existing complex and the existing gazebo/shelter area; four proposed viewing areas with two located on CPSD courts; and miscellaneous alternates including windcreens, hard return wall and bleachers.
- e. All final landscape work will be conducted by park staff.

In 2006 and 2007, the P&R department applied annually for a \$30,000 United States Tennis Association-Tennis in the Parks (USTA-TIP) grant. Unfortunately, the department did not receive any grant funds, largely due to the fact that the department received a \$100,000 USTA-TIP grant in 2005 for the construction and renovation of the tennis courts located in the Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (CCRA) and Fairview Park. Had the department received the grant, the plans were to construct a three court complex on Cosmo Bethel Park and a single "championship court" on Gentry Middle School property (see Attachment C). Original cost estimates for this project was approximately \$145,000-\$150,000 and without the grant, the department doesn't have the funds to proceed.

On Wednesday, February 6, 2008, park planning staff met with representatives of the local chapter of the Missouri Valley United States Tennis Association regarding the proposed plans. Following this meeting the department was ready to publicly release the plans.

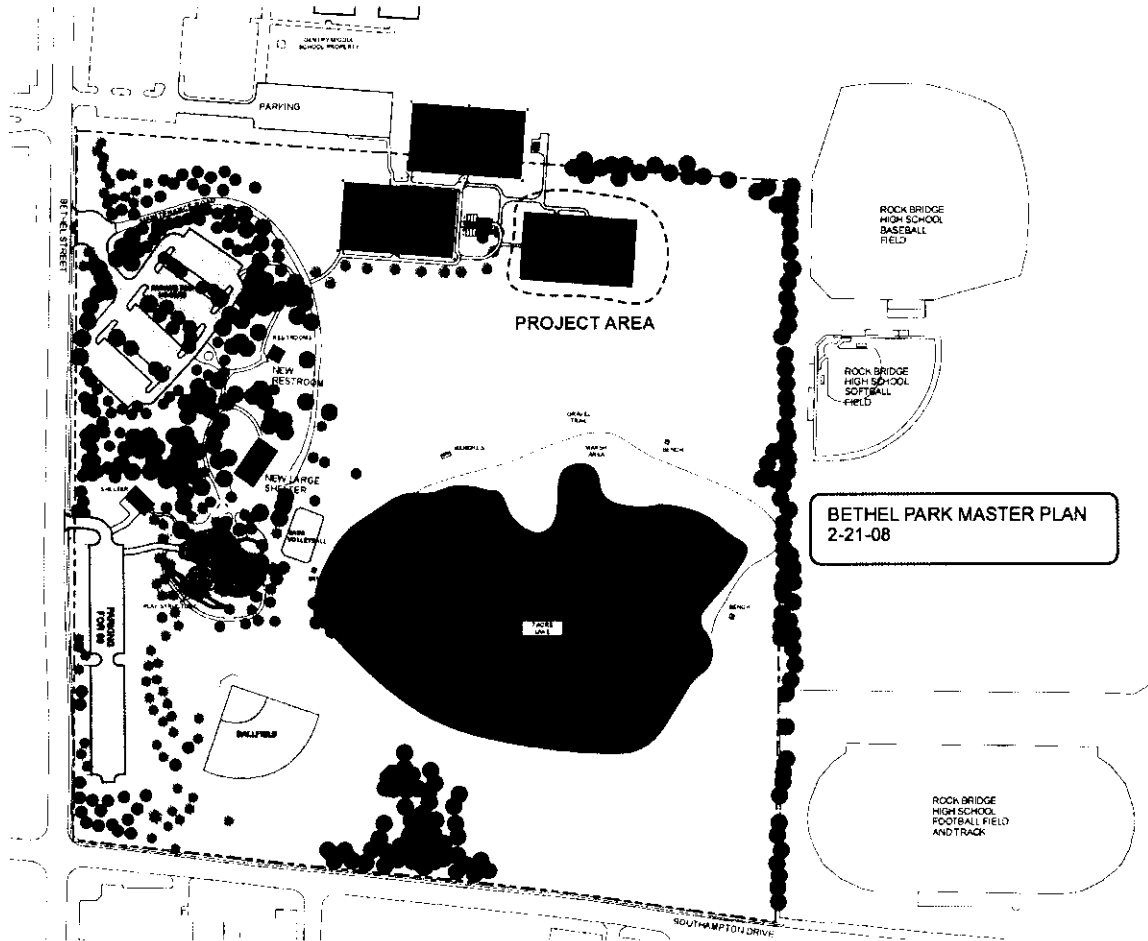
The department conducted an "interested parties" meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2008, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC). Unfortunately, an ice/sleet storm, bad enough to cause the Columbia Public Schools to cancel school on February 21 and 22, impacted public attendance. Including commissioners and park staff, only 11 people were in attendance. On Friday, February 22, staff updated the department's web page and solicited comments via email or telephone. If applicable, an update will be presented at the Council meeting.

Those that were in attendance requested additional parking areas either by construction of a new lot near the courts or by working with the school district on improving their existing lots and opening them up for public use (note: Gentry has an asphalt area that is used for basketball, but the asphalt may not be thick enough for consistent vehicle use). Park staff anticipates that future parking lot expansion is possible and may be a project for consideration on the proposed renewal of the Park Sales Tax.

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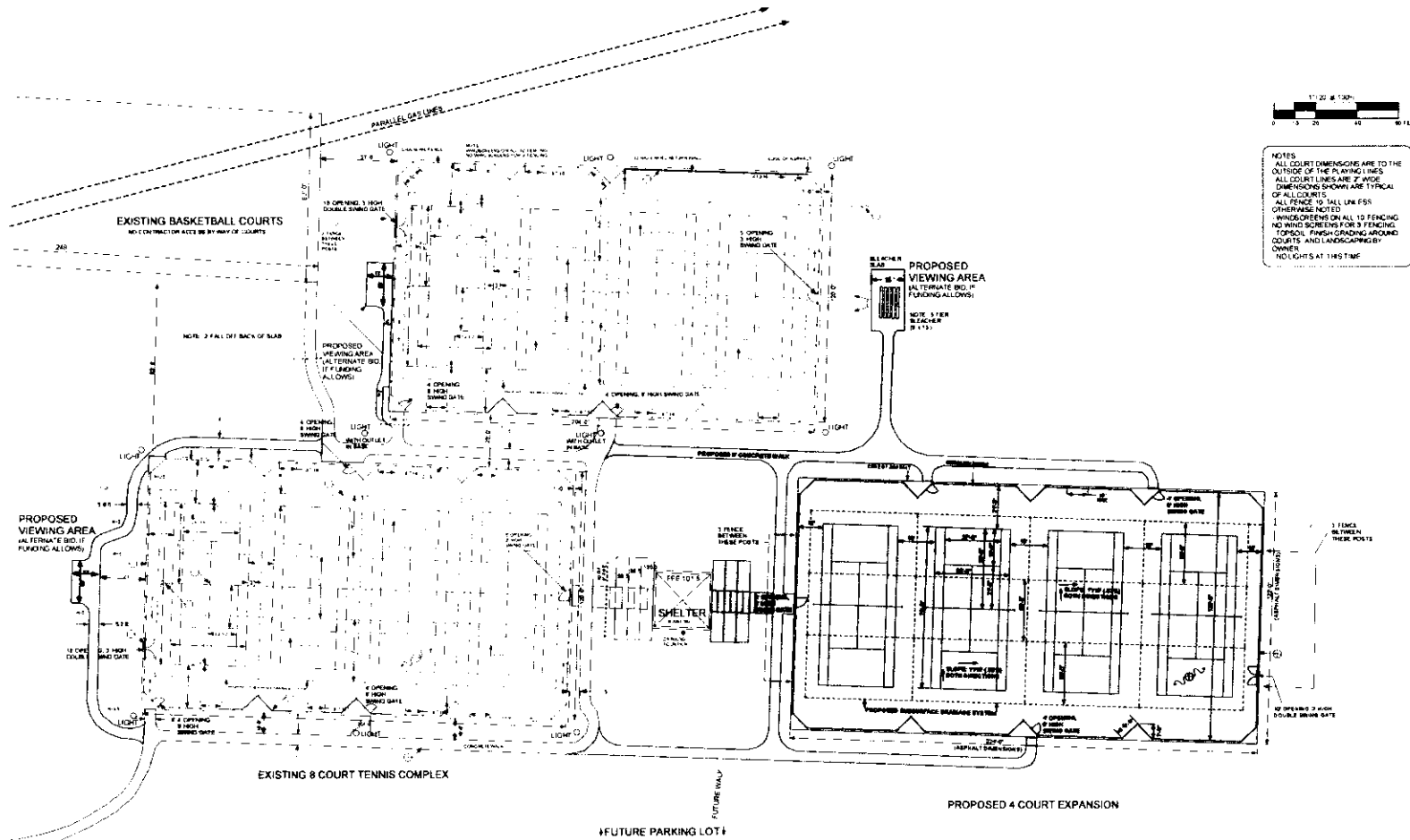
Suggested Council Action: If the Council concurs that the project should proceed, the resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance authorizing the project should be adopted.


ATTACHMENT "A"
Cosmo-Bethel 4-Court Tennis Project
Bethel Park Master Plan



ATTACHMENT "B"

Cosmo-Bethel 4-Court Tennis Project





CITY OF COLUMBIA, MO
PARKS AND RECREATION

<p>DATE: _____</p> <p>DESIGNER: _____</p> <p>DATE: 11-11-18</p> <p>SCALE: AS NOTED</p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>BETHEL PARK AND GENTRY MIDDLE SCHOOL TENNIS COMPLEX 4 COURT EXPANSION SITE PLAN</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p>
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