

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 8-09

### **A RESOLUTION**

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements at Douglass 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 Douglass Park, including improvements to the baseball/softball field fencing, spectator area, walkways, re-grading of the infield and outfield and electrical conduit and park lighting improvements, 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 \$55,000.00.

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. 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 January 20, 2009.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

Source

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff 

**DATE:** December 18, 2008

**RE:** Douglass Park Baseball Improvements

Mike Hood



**Summary:** The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to Douglass Park as approved in the City's FY-09 CIP budget. The project will consist of improvements to the Douglass Baseball/Softball field, specifically, improvements to the fence, spectator area, walkways, and re-grading of the infield and outfield. Total project cost is \$55,000 with funding coming from the Park Sales Tax. Construction is scheduled to begin during the 2009 construction season by a combination of park staff and contract labor.

Fiscal Impact

YES X

NO

**Project Description:** The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to the Douglass Park Baseball/Softball field. This project, as identified in the *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan*, includes specific improvements to the Douglass baseball and softball field, home to the Douglass baseball league.

In an interested parties meeting conducted on November 24, 2008, the priority improvements for Douglass Park are listed below, in priority order:

1. Drainage improvements on the outfield and infield.
2. Extension of right and left field foul line fences including maintenance gates.
3. Improvements to the batting cage and the spectator area.
4. Widen walkways to the field and shelter, including creating a larger concrete patio area for grilling and hosting larger events.
5. Conduit and additional lighting improvements as funding allows.
6. Add on-site, secure storage as funding allows.
7. Adding a scoreboard that could be used for both football and baseball as funding allows.

(1). Many years ago, a City street ran through the current location of the Douglass baseball field. This street was demolished and filled in, but the remains of rocks, uneven playing surfaces, and poor drainage still cause problems. Park staff is proposing to re-grade both the infield and outfield and haul in fill and top soil as needed. This is where the cost of the project is unknown as the amount of fill and topsoil will not be determined until grading starts. Therefore, some of the lower priority options are listed as possible items as funding allows. (2). Since the baseball field is also used during the fall for youth football games, planners are proposing to only install fences down the foul lines and use the existing park perimeter fence as the perimeter outfield fence. Park staff will also clean-up and remove the brush that has grown through the perimeter fence. (3). Since the Douglass baseball league is an instructional, developmental league, the use of the batting cage is critical. Staff is proposing to pour a concrete pad where the batters stand, thus allowing for a high number of users without deteriorating the turf and allow for use during times when the field is too wet for other activities.

Other Info.

Ward 1

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(4). Staff is also proposing to improve the walkways and spectator area by increasing the width of the concrete walkways and pouring additional concrete bleacher areas. The added width to the walkways and re-routing some of them will improve park user access and allow for daily access of maintenance trucks that need to get to the field, restroom, basketball courts and the trash cans without rutting or causing soil compaction. Around the Douglass Shelter, staff is proposing to increase the size of the concrete apron in order to create a larger patio area to handle the large crowds and allow for users to park larger pull-behind grills, stages, additional tables or other items. This is similar to what the department is doing at recently constructed shelters such as Cosmo-Bethel Park.

The next items are requested, but funding for these items depends on how much the grading and fill soil of the baseball field will cost. (5). While the baseball field is well lit, areas around the field, such as the playground and shelter, could use additional lighting. When games are played at night, having lights near the shelter and playground will make parents with younger children feel safer. Park staff will at least place conduit in the ground and then be able to add lights in the future if it's not possible at this time. (6). Since programming staff from the Parks and Recreation Department conduct many of the Douglass programs, a storage area for materials and supplies is needed. Staff currently uses a wooden pre-manufactured storage shed, but it is undersized and does not have any lights or electricity. Plus, as a wooden structure, staff is uncomfortable about leaving items of any significant value in the shed. Staff is proposing to increase the size of the existing granite block restroom by adding a storeroom to the west wall. This room will have a steel door and include lights and electric. (7). A scoreboard that will work for both baseball and football games rounds out the list of priorities.

The \$55,000 project is included in the City's FY-09 capital improvement budget with funds being provided by the voter approved Park Sales Tax.

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and continue throughout the summer. The grading, concrete and fence work will be done by contract labor with park staff conducting seeding and the installation of electrical conduits and lights. Priority is to start with the grading to determine how much fill and top soil will be needed. The goal is to have the field ready for practices and games May 1, 2009.

The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department.

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

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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR DOUGLASS PARK  
SPRAY-GROUND AND BASEBALL FIELD**

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MO  
PARKS AND RECREATION

0 10 20 40 100 FEET

NORTH

EXISTING PARKING LOT

STEEL FENCE TO REMAIN  
3 BENCHES TO BE REMOVED

RAIN DROP POOL TO BE REMOVED

SMALL SHELTER (24x34) TO REMAIN

STAIRS TO REMAIN

EXISTING PUMP FOR RAINDROP IN BASEMENT OF BUILDING TO REMAIN

EXISTING PLUMBING CHASE AROUND POOL

EXISTING POOL TO REMAIN

PROPOSED SPRAYGROUND AREA

RAMP TO BE REMOVED

RETAINING WALL & RAILING TO BE REMOVED

TURF AND LANDSCAPE AREA TO BE REMOVED

PROPOSED RETAINING/SEAT WALL

EXIST. CONCRETE TO BE REMOVED

3 SECTIONS OF FENCE TO BE REMOVED

EXISTING GATE TO REMAIN

ADDITIONAL VIEWING AREA: 522 SQ. FT.

4" PLAYER'S GATE

200'

NEW SCOREBOARD

PROPOSED 92' FENCE

PROPOSED RE-GRADING OF INFIELD AND OUTFIELD FOR PROPER DRAINAGE AND SLOPES, TOPSOIL, SEED AND STRAW OUTFIELD.

4" PLAYER'S GATE

194'

PROPOSED 58' FENCE

EXIST FENCE TO REMAIN

62'