AN ORDINANCE

determining it is in the public interest to construct the Christy Welliver memorial project at Stephens Lake Park; approving and adopting plans and specifications; determining that a portion of the work shall be done by contract; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; determining that a portion of the project shall be done by city employees; providing for payment for the improvement; appropriating funds; authorizing the City Manager to obtain, execute and record all documents necessary for the improvement; providing for compliance with the prevailing wage law and state-mandated construction safety training; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a resolution declaring the necessity of constructing the Christy Welliver memorial project at Stephens Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the notice of a public hearing on this project was published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing on construction of the improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Council finds that the construction of the Christy Welliver memorial project at Stephens Lake Park in the City of Columbia, Missouri, to include multiple landscaping additions, installation of an in-ground irrigation system and subsurface drainage, infrastructure upgrades to the beach and spraygrounds, and the installation of a stone memorial pedestal with bronze plaque, stone seating area and butterfly garden, is necessary for the welfare and improvement of the city and that it is in the public interest that such improvements be made.

SECTION 2. The plans and specifications for this improvement, as prepared by the Director of Parks and Recreation, are hereby approved and made a part of this ordinance by reference.
SECTION 3. A portion of the construction of the improvement shall be done by contract in accordance with the plans and specifications, the laws of the State of Missouri, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri.

SECTION 4. The Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to call for bids and execute a contract for the grading work. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, City employees shall be used to construct and install the other improvements.

SECTION 5. Payment for this improvement shall be made from donated funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 6. The sum of $21,961.27 is hereby appropriated from the Christy Welliver Memorial Donations Account No. 753-8500-480.53-56 D74056 to the Stephens Lake Park Development Project Account No. 440-8800-548.49-90 C00095.

SECTION 7. The City Manager is authorized to obtain, execute and have recorded all licenses, easements, deeds and any other conveyances or instruments necessary for the City to complete this improvement.

SECTION 8. The contract for the improvement shall provide that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages, as found by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of Missouri, shall be paid to all workers performing work under the contract. The contractor's bond shall guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause in the contract.

SECTION 9. The bid specifications and contract for the improvement shall provide that the contractor and any subcontractor shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration construction safety program (or a similar program approved by the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations) for all employees working on-site. All employees working on the site of the improvement are required to complete the safety program within 60 days of beginning work on the improvement project.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this __________ day of ______________________, 2013.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the Christy Welliver Memorial Donations Account No. 753-8500-480.53-56 D74056 to cover the above appropriation.

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Director of Finance
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with the construction of the Christy Welliver memorial area at Stephens Lake Park and to appropriate $21,961.27 in donations for the project. The proposed improvements will take place in the area directly west of the Stephens Lake Park beach entrance and will be in remembrance of the many contributions Christy Welliver has made to the City of Columbia. The improvements will include multiple landscaping additions, irrigation and drainage installation, improvements to infrastructure at the site, multiple tree plantings and a small memorial area for Christy Welliver. Materials for the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and all construction renovations will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. The site grading for the area will be done using contract labor and all other facets of the project will be completed using force account labor. The grading and irrigation installation is scheduled to be completed during the summer with all plants and trees installed in the fall of 2013.

DISCUSSION:
The proposed Christy Welliver memorial site improvements will take place on the west side of Stephens Lake Park located off the Old Highway 63 park entrance. The 116 acre park was opened for public use in 2001 and has undergone a variety of improvements over the last 12 years including park amenity installation, landscaping improvements, swimming access and the addition of an amphitheater. After initial discussions between Park staff and friends, family and colleagues of Christy Welliver, the decision was made to raise money to create a space at Stephens Lake Park that would serve as a memorial for her contributions to the City of Columbia. The group of citizens raised $21,961.27 for the proposed improvements to the area located in front of the Stephens Lake Park beach and spraygrounds. After discussions between Park planning staff and the fundraising group, Park Planners developed a proposed design that would improve the site aesthetics, functionally improve the area of the park for maintenance and natural resource management as well as serve as a memorial for Ms. Welliver.

The proposed improvements to the Stephens Lake Park site will focus on a variety of landscaping improvements including the addition of multiple planting berms and plant beds throughout the area. Plant locations will focus on improving the areas near the parking lot and focus on the two large berms around the location for the memorial plaque and stone wall seating. Park staff will plant 19 new shade and accent trees throughout the park site to add shade, color and aesthetic value to the walkway areas and beach entrance. Turf improvements will be made through the installation of an in-ground irrigation system throughout the proposed site. The installation of subsurface drainage along the current concrete walkways on the south side of the proposed site will address current drainage and water issues across the walkways during rain events.

The addition of a small memorial area in honor of Christy Welliver will be added to the site and will consist of a bronze plaque mounted on a stone pedestal, stone seating area and a butterfly garden that will be planted adjacent to the memorial plaque. Park staff will also use the improvement project to make infrastructure upgrades to the maintenance access to the beach and spraygrounds. As part of the construction process, staff will remove a portion of the gravel maintenance trail leading to the beach and playground and replace it with a porous paver driveway. The remainder of the gravel will remain but a small berm will be constructed to provide a visual block for citizens using the park. Park staff will also add a new bike rack for up to 20 bicycles at the location.

The project is scheduled to begin construction in July with the site grading, irrigation installation and berm construction completed by August. The porous paver driveway and drainage system will also be installed during the late summer. All tree and planting beds will be installed in September before a scheduled fall
dedication of the Christy Welliver Memorial. The project will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. All grading will be completed by a contractor with all remaining aspects of the project completed by Park staff.

Staff is working with the committee for a ceremonial ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, July 11. A time has not yet been determined but it is anticipated that it will be after the work day around 5:30 pm.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The total project budget is $21,961.27 and is funded by a private donation from friends and family of Christy Welliver. Park staff anticipates minimal additional maintenance costs with the planting bed maintenance as Park staff already maintains plantings at Stephens Lake Park and staff will use a variety of native plant species and incorporate low maintenance designs into each area.

**VISION IMPACT:**
http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php

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:**
Approve the resolution setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed and appropriating the necessary funds for the project.

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FEATURE LEGEND

ID | Description
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1  | Bike Rack Corral (20 Bike Capacity)
2  | Christy Welliver Plaque Feature (See enlargement)
3  | Porous/Grass Pavers to camouflage Maintenance Access
4  | Butterfly Garden
5  | Boulder Seat wall
6  | Accent Boulders to Define Maintenance Access
7  | Mulch Planter Berm (Plant Collection TBD)
8  | Turf Berm
9  | Sub-Surface Drainage System
10 | (4) Canopy/Shade Tree
11 | (15) Flowering/Accent Tree
12 | Compacted Gravel Maintenance Area
13 | Low Interlocking Block Retaining Wall to camouflage Maintenance Area

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN HONOR OF CHRISTY WELLIVER