

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. R 259-13

A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements at Fairview Park and Fairview Elementary School; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the improvement; 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 the construction of improvements at Fairview Park and Fairview Elementary School, necessary to the welfare and improvement of the City. Specific improvements include the replacement of an existing shelter and construction of a playground and walkways in Fairview Park, and construction of a parking lot on the Fairview Elementary School property.

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 \$175,000.00.

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. A public hearing in respect to this improvement will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall Building, 701 E. Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, at 7:00 p.m. on January 6, 2014. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013.

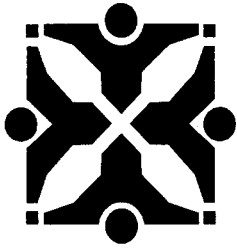
ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



Source: Parks and Recreation

Agenda Item No:

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Dec 16, 2013

Re: Fairview Park Improvements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council approval to proceed with improvements to Fairview Park and to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Columbia Public School District. As shown in the FY-2014 CIP, park staff is proposing multiple improvements, including the replacement of the existing shelter, a new playground, new walkways for the park and a 20 car parking lot on CPSD property. The agreement with the Columbia Public School District is necessary for the construction of the parking lot adjacent to the park on Fairview Elementary School property. The project budget is \$175,000 and is funded through the 2010 Park Sales Tax. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Work is scheduled to begin this winter with an anticipated completion date of fall 2014.

DISCUSSION:

The 27.2 acre Fairview Park is located at 1001 Fairview Road and provides citizens with a variety of amenities including a reservable shelter, four tennis courts, practice soccer fields, community gardens and a connection to the Scott's Branch Trail. The proposed renovations are necessary due to the age of the shelter, lack of playground within the park and the need for more parking on the west side of the park. Over the past six years, the park has had multiple capital improvement projects, including tennis court renovations, addition of a permanent restroom, trail connection to the Scott's Branch Trail and a porous paver parking lot adjacent to the practice soccer fields. The improvements included in this project will complete the renovation plan for the park.

After initial staff meetings to discuss the property and possible improvements using the allocated funds, park staff identified the amenities that would be needed for the park and a budget for the proposed improvements. On November 21, 2013, park staff held an interested parties meeting at the Activity & Recreation Center to introduce the park improvements to the community. Park staff spoke with over 15 individuals and collected feedback from them concerning the project. Concerns expressed by citizens centered around the type of playground features, preservation of trees within the property and the location of the parking lot. Park staff also introduced the proposed Fairview Park improvements to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their November 21, 2013 meeting. After a discussion of the proposed plan, the P&R Commissioners voted to recommend the improvements and proceed with the Columbia Public School District (CPSD) agreement. After considering all citizen comments and the P&R Commission recommendation, staff believes that the proposed plans for Fairview Park represent a consensus of park users and staff.

The improvements at Fairview Park will include the construction of a new medium-sized shelter to replace the existing shelter. When staff surveyed shelter users, there was a high demand for a modern shelter with adequate electricity, more parking, and a smaller playground closer to the shelter. The reservable shelter will have a similar design to the one recently constructed at Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary. Park Staff is also proposing to add a 2,000-square-foot playground to the park adjacent to the shelter. The need for the playground is due to the unfavorable proximity of the Fairview Elementary School playground and poor sight lines from the shelter. Historically, the shelter at Fairview Park is one of the last shelters rented each weekend due to the lack of amenities near the shelter. Park staff feels that the shelter will be reserved more regularly with a playground within viewing distance of the shelter. Based on the citizen comments taken during the interested parties meeting, the playground will have a "nature" or "forest" theme with coordinating colors and play features. Citizens and staff agree that the playground should offer a different type of play for children compared to the playground system at Fairview Elementary School. The construction of the shelter and playground will not require the removal of any trees on the park property.

Park staff is also proposing to add two walkways within the park property for ADA connectivity to other park amenities. A four foot concrete walkway will be added between the shelter and the restroom. The second proposed walkway will be a six foot concrete walkway connecting the Fairview Road sidewalk at the east end of the park with the existing concrete trail. This extension of the trail will be located on Columbia Public School District property. The proposed extension will connect citizens from Fairview Road to the entire park property, Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary and the Scott's Branch Trail.

The final proposed amenity for Fairview Park is the addition of a 20 car parking lot. The parking lot will be located on Columbia Public School District property adjacent to the northern boundary line of the park. Staff identified this as a need due to the increased use of park amenities, tennis courts, practice fields and the completed connection to the Scott's Branch Trail. The design of the parking lot allows park staff to avoid removal of any trees currently on the Columbia Public School District property. The parking lot will be constructed as part of the improvement project and, upon completion, will be maintained by the Columbia Public School District. The attached agreement (Attachment B) will establish the cooperative agreement between the City of Columbia and the Columbia Public School District. As part of the improvements to the park, park staff will also make the necessary improvements to the park to address all areas and amenities that are not in current ADA compliance.

The proposed improvements to Fairview Park are included in the City's FY-14 capital improvement program with construction scheduled to begin in this winter, as weather allows, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2014. The work will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for site grading, parking and walkway improvements as well as the installation of the playground equipment. Park staff will construct the shelter and complete the other remaining portions of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total project budget is \$175,000 and is funded through the 2010 Parks Sales Tax. Park staff anticipates minimal additional maintenance costs associated with the improvements as park staff already maintains the park and amenities.

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.

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.

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 authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Columbia Public School District.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$175,000.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$175,000.00	Duplicates/Epands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed		Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$175,000.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.1
Operating/ Ongoing		Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	12.2
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	40

Attachment A



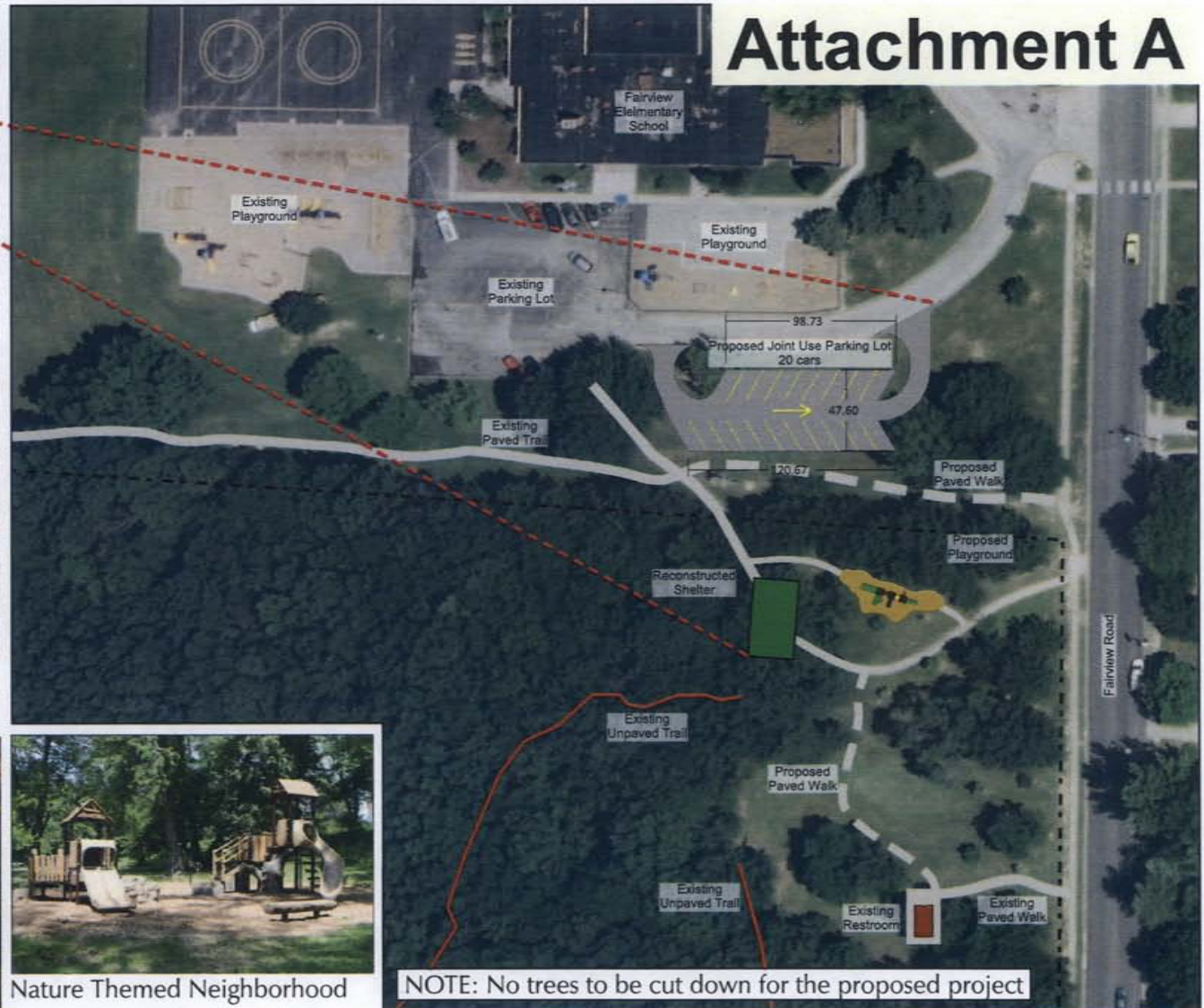
Fairview Park 27.2 Acres



Medium Shelter 24'x48'



Nature Themed Neighborhood Park Playground 30'x50' area



Fairview Park Improvement and Parking Expansion

December 9, 2013

0 30 60 90 feet

