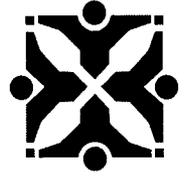


City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 316-14
Department Source: Parks and Recreation
To: City Council
From: City Manager & Staff
Council Meeting Date: October 6, 2014
Re: Downtown Optimist Park Improvements

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: Park Plans, Excerpts from Minutes

Executive Summary

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting Council authorization to proceed with improvements to Downtown Optimist Park. As identified in the FY-2015 CIP, staff is proposing renovations to the park including replacing the existing small shelter, playground equipment, and park signs and making related ADA improvements. The total project budget is \$50,000, with funding provided by 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. Construction of amenities is scheduled to begin fall 2014 with an anticipated completion date of spring 2015.

Discussion

Downtown Optimist Park is a 0.5 acre neighborhood park, located at 100 East Forest Avenue, and features a playground, small shelter, basketball court and swingset. The park was originally on Columbia Public School property at Hickman High School. When the school determined a need for additional outdoor space, the park was moved to its current location. The most current redevelopment of the park was completed in 1990 with funds from the Community Development Block Grant. Throughout the existence of the park, the Optimist Club has assisted the Parks and Recreation Department in the development of the park as well as providing funds for recreation activities for the youth of the community.

In May 2014, park planning staff began the process of identifying possible improvements to the park property and discussed necessary changes to improve ADA accessibility and general park use. After park staff prepared initial design plans, an interested parties meeting was held at the Downtown Optimist Club on August 16, 2014 to gather feedback regarding the plans. Park staff met with six individuals at the meeting and then presented the proposed plans to a group of 15 citizens in attendance at the Ridgeway Neighborhood Association meeting.

After the completion of the interested parties meeting, park staff introduced the proposed improvements to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their September 18, 2014 meeting. After discussion of the project, the Commissioners voted to recommend the proposed improvements to the

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park. A copy of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting minutes are included as supporting documentation. After considering all citizen comments and the P&R Commission recommendation, staff believes that proposed improvements at Downtown Optimist Park represents a consensus of park users and staff.

The proposed improvements at Downtown Optimist Park will include the construction of a new 18' X 18' small shelter in the same location as the present shelter and the replacement of the existing playground and swingset. Park staff will also construct a new park sign, make landscaping improvements and add 2 to 4 new trees to add shade throughout the park. All necessary ADA improvements to the park including new sidewalks to improve park access and connect different park amenities will be completed during the park renovation. A plan showing the proposed improvements to the park is included with this Council memo.

The park improvements at Downtown Optimist Park are included in the City's FY15 Capital Improvement Program budget, with site construction scheduled to begin this fall 2014. Staff anticipates that the improvements will be completed by summer 2015. All work and materials will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project cost for the improvements in \$50,000 and is funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax. Park staff does not anticipate any additional maintenance costs at the existing park property due to the improvements.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Parks, Recreation and Greenways

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Livable & Sustainable Communities

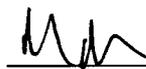
Suggested Council Action

Approve the Council legislation setting a public hearing for the proposed project. Following the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the project to proceed.

Legislative History

None


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 316-14

AN ORDINANCE

determining it is in the public interest to construct improvements at the Downtown Optimist 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; 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 improvements at the Downtown Optimist Park to include construction of a new small shelter to replace an existing shelter, replacement of the existing playground equipment, installation of new signage and landscaping, and construction of new sidewalks to improve park access and provide a connection to the related park amenities; 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 improvements at the Downtown Optimist Park in the City of Columbia, Missouri, is necessary for the welfare and improvement of the city and that it is in the public interest that such improvements be made. Specific improvements include construction of a new small shelter to replace an existing shelter, replacement of the existing playground equipment, installation of new signage and landscaping, and construction of new sidewalks to improve park access and provide a connection to the related park amenities.

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 replacement of the existing shelter and playground equipment, and construction of new sidewalks to improve park access and provide a connection to the related park amenities. As deemed advisable by the City Manager, city employees shall be used for the installation of new signage and landscaping.

SECTION 5. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Parks Sales Tax Funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor



SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS AGENDA ITEM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Park Plans, Excerpts from Minutes



**PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST PARK**

100 EAST FOREST AVENUE



PARK DEVELOPMENT FEATURE LEGEND

- | ID | Description |
|----|--|
| 1 | New Small Shelter
18' x 18' SQ w/ Vaulted Roof
(2-3) Picnic Tables, (1) Grill, (1) Trash Receptacle
(2) Bike Racks (4 Total Bikes) |
| 2 | Renovated Playground
Approximately 1,500 SF, Ages 5-12
Emphasis on Climbing/Hanging Features |
| 3 | Existing Sport Court
Re-Stripe/Paint Half Court Basketball |
| 4 | Remove/Replace Sidewalk to Forest Ave. |
| 5 | Extend Existing Sidewalk to Grand Ave.
Relocate/Replace Drinking Fountain Closer to Shelter |
| 6 | Relocated Drinking Fountain |
| 7 | Relocated Park Bench |
| 8 | Concrete Edging Around Playground |
| 9 | New Landscape Planters for Park Entry |
| 10 | New ADA Connections to Park Features |
| 11 | Existing Trees |
| 12 | Proposed Trees |



DATE: 10/20/14
1.0

Proposed Park Improvements



**PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
DOWNTOWN OPTIMIST PARK**

100 EAST FOREST AVENUE

* FOR GRAPHIC PURPOSES, UTILITY POLES ARE NOT INDICATED

DATE: 10/20/14
2.0

Proposed Park Improvements

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.
ARC, 1701 W. Ash

DRAFT MINUTES

Commission Present: Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Bill Pauls, Dan Devine, Linda Hutton

Commission Absent (excused): Terry Kloeppel, Meredith Donaldson

Staff Present: Mike Griggs, Gabe Huffington, Tammy Miller

Blevins called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Davis.

Minutes: The August minutes were approved on a motion by Devine, seconded by Pauls.

Monthly Report: The August monthly report was approved on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Davis.

Cosmo-Bethel Park Improvements

Huffington told the Commission that about \$150,000 in Park Sales Tax funds are allocated for improvements at Cosmo-Bethel Park. This funding would be used to light the four tennis courts that do not have lights; the other eight courts are already lit. A portion of the gravel trail around the lake that washes out frequently would also be paved in concrete. This would be just a six-foot wide resurfacing and would also improve ADA access to the lake.

Hutton made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Commission recommend approval to Council of the proposed improvements at Cosmo-Bethel Park. Motion passed, 5-0.

Downtown Optimist Park Improvements

Huffington said planned improvements would include a new small shelter, renovated playground, restriped and repainted half basketball court, sidewalk improvements that would connect all features, and new landscaping.

Devine made a motion, seconded by Pauls, that the Commission recommend approval to Council of the proposed improvements at Downtown Optimist Park. Motion passed, 5-0.