A RESOLUTION

approving revisions to the Jay Dix Station Master Plan to include the installation of a playground, shelter, a renovated caboose, relocation of the mountain bike skills course and realignment of the park entrance roads.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves revisions to the Jay Dix Station Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Attachment "B," to include the installation of a playground, shelter, a renovated caboose, relocation of the mountain bike skills course and realignment of the park entrance roads.

ADOPTED 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
Jay Dix Station Proposed Master Plan

May 31st, 2013

Attachment B - Revised Master Plan
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Parks & Recreation staff is requesting a resolution that approves revisions to the Jay Dix Station Master Plan. In late 2012, both the City Council and Boone County Commission approved the Jay Dix Station Master Plan which included amenities such as a shelter, restroom, basketball court, mountain bike skills course, fitness equipment, three multi-use fields and a playground (Attachment A). Several factors such as the Scott Blvd road project and increased public desire to add more amenities to the park necessitated revisions to the original master plan. Proposed revisions to the master plan are shown on Attachment B and include using a train theme for the construction of existing amenities (playground, shelter & restroom), adding a caboose, and the relocation of the mountain bike skills course. Additionally, Public Works is planning for the reconstruction of Scott Blvd and as part of this project, there will be a water quality cell, new sidewalk connections and new alignments of the park entrance roads. Since this property is leased from Boone County, the department will seek input and approval from the Boone County Commission concerning the proposed changes to the Jay-Dix Station Master Plan. The project budget will remain at $125,000 and was included and funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax ballot issue. Work is scheduled to begin this summer with an expected completion date in early to mid-2013. Staff is requesting that Council and Commission accept the revised Jay Dix Station Master Plan as proposed.

DISCUSSION:
The proposed revisions to the Jay Dix Station Master Plan, originally adopted by the City Council on November 19th, 2012, included additional train themed amenities at the park, revisions to the layout of the mountain bike skills course, and the re-routing of the park’s entrance roads.

As part of the Scott Boulevard Public Works improvement project, the entrances to the Jay Dix Station property as well as the entrance to the parking lot for the Scott Boulevard MKT trail access will be relocated to the north and south of the original park entrances to create easier access to each site by reducing cross traffic. New 8 ft sidewalks along each side of Scott Boulevard will also be added that will provide new access for citizens to the Jay Dix Station property and the Scott Boulevard MKT Trail access and sports fields. The new sidewalks will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to remove the originally proposed sidewalk at the north end of Jay Dix Station. The removal of this sidewalk and ability to use the old neighborhood access to the MKT Trail will allow park planners to relocate the mountain bike skills loop to the northeast corner of the property. By moving the mountain bike skills loop to this location, the existing gravel trail will be incorporated into the design of the skills course resulting in a reduction of the overall construction costs and providing better visible access to the skills course for spectators. The area designated for the original mountain bike skills course will remain as undeveloped wooded area and could be used for future expansion of the bike skills course as needed.

Another addition to the new Jay Dix Station plan is to create a water quality cell located directly west of Scott Boulevard that will serve as storm water detention for the site and for the Scott Boulevard project. Funding for the water quality cell will be incorporated in the Scott Boulevard Public Works improvement project.

The final change to the original master plan focuses on the main park amenities on the property. Staff is proposing to add multiple park amenities that will incorporate a "train station" as the primary design theme. The improvements include a train-themed playground, train depot shelter and the addition of a caboose. The inside of the caboose will be renovated to serve as an indoor classroom and meeting space that could be used for student field trips, small meetings and family gatherings. The caboose will include informational
signage depicting the history of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad as well as the history of the original Jay Dix Station that served as a Columbia stop for the railroad.

The Jay Dix Station construction project has already been approved by Council and includes $125,000 in funds from the 2010 Park Sales Tax. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with an estimated completion in spring 2014.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
Council has already approved the project and appropriated the funds so there is no fiscal impact to this report. The total project budget is $125,000 and is funded by the 2010 Park Sales Tax.

**VISION IMPACT:**
http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionsimpact.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 that accepts the proposed revisions to the Jay Dix Station Master Plan.

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