A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of the Christy Welliver memorial project at Stephens Lake Park; 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 the Christy Welliver memorial project at Stephens Lake Park, 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, 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 $21,961.27.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from donated 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 July 15, 2013. 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:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
To: City Council  
From: City Manager and Staff  

Council Meeting Date: July 1st, 2013  

Re: Christy Welliver Memorial at Stephens Lake Park

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 Bemm (Plant Collection TBD)
8  | Turf Bem
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