A RESOLUTION

declaring the necessity for construction of improvements at Again Street Park; stating the nature of and the estimate of the cost of the improvement; providing for payment for the improvement; 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 Again Street Park, more specifically to include reconstruction of a small non-reservable shelter, construction of new fitness stations and minor improvements to the playground and connecting walkways, 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 $48,000.00.

SECTION 4. Payment for this improvement shall be made from Community Development Block Grant funds and such other funds as may be lawfully appropriated.

SECTION 5. 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 5, 2011. The City Clerk shall cause notice of this hearing to be published in a newspaper published in the City.

ADOPTED this ______ day of ___________________________, 2011.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to proceed with improvements to Again Street Park. This neighborhood park is located on land owned by the Columbia Public School District (District) and is adjacent to West Boulevard Elementary School. This ordinance, if approved, authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with the District to extend the lease and authorize the City to conduct work on District property. Proposed improvements will consist of the re-construction of a small, non-reservable shelter, new fitness stations, and minor improvements to the playground and connecting walkways. Park planning staff conducted an interested party meeting on May 19 at the Activity and Recreation Center. Six people attended the meeting and expressed their support for the project. Park planners have also worked with District personnel and their letter of support for the project is attached. The work will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department and be completed by parks and recreation staff. Work is scheduled to begin during the 2011 construction season. Total project cost is estimated at $48,000 and is funded by the Community Development Block Grant program.

DISCUSSION:
The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the Columbia Public School District (District) to conduct improvements on District owned land, commonly known as Again Street Park. Located in Ward 1, this 9.45 acre park is located at 1200 Again Street and is adjacent to West Boulevard Elementary School.

This project, as identified in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, 2002 Facility Needs Update, includes the renovation of the old wooden shelter. This 30 year old shelter has badly deteriorated over the years and will be replaced with a smaller, non-reservable shelter, similar in construction to the shelters at Lange Middle School and Stephens Lake Park. Based on user requests, the new shelter will be located closer to the small parking lot with a concrete connecting walkway. The Department is also preparing to replace the existing wood mulch under the playground equipment with a loose fill, recycled rubber project. Once installed and compacted, this material will provide a better ADA access surfacing and hopefully, reduce maintenance costs that are commonly associated with the degradation of wood mulch. Other improvements include the replacement of the old wooden fitness stations and the addition of a new climber in the playground.
Park staff believes that the attached “Again Street Park, Proposed Improvements Plan” represents a consensus of District staff, the public and parks and recreation staff. The $48,000 total project budget is included in the City’s FY-11 capital improvement program with funding being provided by the Community Development Block Grant program.

This ordinance will extend an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for 25 years and is required in order to proceed with the proposed improvements. The Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of all amenities associated with Again Street Park.

Construction is scheduled to begin during the 2011 construction season and will be conducted by parks and recreation staff. Materials for this project will be bid through the City’s Purchasing Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The $48,000 capital project is funded by the Community Development Block Grant program. The Parks & Recreation Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the 9.45 park area. Park staff is currently providing maintenance for Again Street Park and this project will likely reduce maintenance costs associated with the old shelter, playground surfacing, and the old wooden fitness station equipment. The addition of the new playground climber will not significantly impact the Department’s operating budget.

**VISION IMPACT:**
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:**
If Council concurs that the project should proceed, a resolution calling for the public hearing should be approved, and following the public hearing, the ordinance authorizing both the agreement and the construction of the project should be adopted.
May 31, 2011

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Again St.Park; Shepard Tennis Courts

Dear, Mr. Snyder

CPS has reviewed the proposed improvement plans for both Again St. Park and Shepard Tennis courts. CPS appreciates the support of Columbia Parks and Recreation over the years and looks forward to future joint projects. Please proceed with the planned improvements at both locations as appropriate. If should need further assistance from CPS, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Charles A. Oestreich  
Director of Facilities & Construction Services

CC: Dr. Nick Boren  
Deputy Superintendent  
Columbia Public Schools