



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 19, 2021

Re: City/School Co-op Playground Improvement Agreement: Locust Street and Rock Bridge Elementary Schools

## Executive Summary

Since 1998, the City has assisted with the funding of outdoor play equipment located within the Columbia Public School District (CPSD). The City's FY2019 CIP budget included \$30,000 for the City/School cooperative playground improvement program and the City's FY2020 CIP budget included \$20,000 for the City/School cooperative playground improvement program. CPSD has identified the installation of new playground equipment at Locust Street and Rock Bridge Elementary Schools as their priorities for FY2019 and FY2020 funding. The City's funding source for the \$50,000 for the playground equipment purchase and installation comes from the 2015 Park Sales Tax. . The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign the cooperative agreement with CPSD.

## Discussion

Columbia Public School District (CPSD) has identified Locust Street and Rock Bridge Elementary Schools as their priorities for the FY2019 & FY2020 City/School playground improvement grants. Total funding for FY2019 is \$30,000 and the total funding for FY2020 is \$20,000. This funding is from the Annual City/School Playground Improvement program as identified in the 2015 Park Sales Tax ballot. The specific projects are:

- Locust Street Elementary – playground equipment \$30,000
- Rock Bridge Elementary – playground equipment \$20,000

Previous projects funded under this policy include Grant (1998), Benton (2000), Field (2000), Lee (2001), West Blvd (2002), Parkade (2004), Mill Creek (2005), Shepard (2006), Blue Ridge (2007), Russell (2007), Ridgeway (2007), Parkade Phase II (2008), Fairview (2009), Derby Ridge (2010), Grant (2011) West Junior (2012) and Shepard, West Blvd (replaces New Haven), Lee (2013), Hickman (2014), New Haven and Russell (2015), New Haven and Parkade (2016), Fairview and Paxton Keeley (2017) and New Haven and West Boulevard (2018). No appropriation was funded in FY2003. These projects have been positively received by both the school and the general public.

The cooperative agreement provides procedures for implementing the playground improvement projects and ensures that the facilities will be open for public use. CPSD is responsible for the construction and ongoing maintenance related to the improvements. This ordinance, if approved, authorizes the cooperative agreement with Columbia Public School District.



## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project cost is \$50,000. The funding for the projects was budgeted in the FY2019 and FY2020 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program, and the projects are funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: None. Columbia Public School District is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the project after completion.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

## Legislative History

Date	Action
10/16/2017	(B295-17) Authorizing an agreement with the Columbia Public School District for playground improvement projects at New Haven Elementary School and West Boulevard Elementary School.  <a href="https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3166022&amp;GUID=32EB1A3B-60EF-4977-A682-18CC2FBD9B1A&amp;Options=&amp;Search=">https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3166022&amp;GUID=32EB1A3B-60EF-4977-A682-18CC2FBD9B1A&amp;Options=&amp;Search=</a>

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the agreement with Columbia Public Schools for playground improvements at Locust Street and Rock Bridge Elementary Schools.