



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 7, 2021

Re: Appointment to the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund Board

Executive Summary

On April 3, 2017, Council approved an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri for the establishment of the "Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund." The P&R Fund is governed by an Advisory Board consisting of the Chair of the P&R Commission, three at-large Parks & Recreation Commissioners, and the Director of Parks and Recreation. This is similar to the Advisory Committee of the Columbia Arts Fund. Current members are Mike Griggs as P&R Director, Dan Devine as P&R Commission Chair, Ted Farnen and Paul Morrison as two of three at-large Commissioners. Former Commissioner Marin Blevins is no longer on the P&R Commission, leaving a vacancy on the Advisory Board. The Fund Advisory Board met on January 20, 2021 and voted to recommend to the Council Brendon Steenbergen for appointment to the Advisory Committee.

Discussion

In order to expand the potential sources of funding for the City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation programs and facilities, the City executed an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri for the establishment of a new fund named the "Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund." This fund was started in 2017 with an anonymous \$25,000 donation and now has approximately \$56,000 in funds.

The Parks and Recreation Fund was established through the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to collect donations. All gifts to the P&R Fund may be tax deductible. The Community Foundation provides investing, receipting, distributing, and reporting functions for the fund. Donations to the fund are invested, and the revenue generated from the investments in time could be used to subsidize various Parks and Recreation programs, thus helping to provide a sustainable income for the future. The fund may also be used as a source of matching grants when reaching out to other foundations for funding, and will be eligible to apply for grants or donations that are only available to foundations.

The P&R Fund agreement establishes an Advisory Board consisting of the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, three Parks and Recreation Commissioners and the Director of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. The three at-large Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. Currently, the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Dan Devine, and the two currently at-large Commissioners are Ted Farnen and Paul Morrison. Staff is seeking Council support of the nomination of Brendon Steenbergen for the third at-large position.



The Advisory Board makes recommendations for distributions from the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund. However, all final distributions must be approved by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: May provide funds for programs or facilities.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

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| 04/03/2017 | (R47-17) Authorizing an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to establish the Columbia Parks & Recreation Fund and appointing members to the Advisory Committee. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3010118&GUID=4B8A08CF-BC1A-421C-8E87-A60402C1A346&Options=&Search= |

Suggested Council Action

Commission and staff recommends that Council appoint Brendon Steenbergen to serve as one of the three at-large Advisory Board positions of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund.