



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 7, 2016

Re: Albert-Oakland Park Pickleball Phase II Improvements

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance authorizing phase II improvements to the pickleball courts at Albert-Oakland Park. Proposed improvements to the park include the installation of the final two pickleball courts, lighting improvements, a small shelter, water fountain, and additional walkways. The total project budget is \$100,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for the construction of the final two pickleball courts, including concrete installation, court painting and fencing. All other work will be completed by park staff. Improvements to Albert-Oakland Park are scheduled to begin this winter with an anticipated completion date of June 2017.

Discussion

The 79.4 acre Albert-Oakland Park, located at 1900 Blue Ridge Road, contains a variety of athletic activities and amenities, including baseball fields, disc golf courses, an aquatic facility, tennis courts and sand volleyball. The park is identified in the *2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* as a community park serving northeast Columbia. On January 21, 2014, the City Council approved a revision to the Albert-Oakland Park master plan to include the construction of a six-court pickleball complex and granted the Parks and Recreation Department permission to proceed with the construction of the first four pickleball courts near the tennis courts at the park. Park staff completed the construction of the four courts in 2015.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing phase II pickleball improvements at Albert-Oakland Park. Park staff is proposing multiple improvements to the pickleball courts, including the construction of the final two courts, replacement of the existing court lighting with LED lighting fixtures, construction of a small shelter, and installation of a water fountain and additional ADA walkways.

After reviewing the revised master plan for the park and completed phase I improvements at the pickleball courts, park planning staff evaluated the items remaining from the Albert-Oakland Park master plan. Park staff also reviewed citizen comments from the initial interested parties meeting to ensure that all citizen comments and suggestions have been addressed with the completion of the phase II project. The proposed phase II improvements complete the pickleball complex at the park, thus completing the park master plan. To gain citizen feedback about the proposed phase II plans, an interested parties meeting was held at the Activity and Recreation Center on September 15, 2016. Staff also provided the public



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with an on-line survey on como.gov and information about the project on the SpeakUpComo website to provide additional opportunities for public comment about the project.

Staff introduced the proposed improvements to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their October 20, 2016 meeting. After discussion of the project, the Commissioners voted to endorse the proposed improvements to the park and recommend that Council approve the plans as presented. After considering all citizen comments and the P&R Commission recommendation, staff believes that the proposed improvements to the pickleball courts at Albert-Oakland Park represents a consensus of park users and staff.

Specific improvements to the pickleball courts at Albert-Oakland Park will include the following:

1. Contract labor will be used to install the final two pickleball courts, including concrete installation, court painting, and fencing installation. The final two courts will be labeled courts #3 and #4 and will complete the six-court complex.
2. Park staff will remove all of the original tennis court lights and install new LED light for the six-court pickleball complex. The existing light fixtures and poles are over 30 years old, and the new lights will reduce the utility expenses associated with the pickleball courts.
3. Staff will also install a small shelter with tables on the northwest side of the pickleball court complex. The non-reservable shelter will serve pickleball players, as well as general park patrons. It will also be utilized by league and tournament coordinators when the courts are in use for special events, tournaments, and pickleball leagues.
4. Park staff will install a water fountain adjacent to the pickleball courts that will also serve park patrons utilizing the tennis courts, walking trail, and disc golf courses.
5. Contract labor will also be used to complete the final walkway connections to the two new courts to improve ADA access to each individual court.

The \$100,000 improvement project at Albert-Oakland Park is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and is included in the City's FY17 Capital Improvement Program budget. Portions of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor, as discussed in items 1-4. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin winter 2017, and staff anticipates the park improvements will be completed by June 2017.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the project is \$100,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.



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Long-Term Impact: Park staff does not anticipate any increase in expenses associated with the addition of the two courts, lighting and park amenities. Staff already completes trash removal at the pickleball courts and shelter cleanup at the two shelters adjacent to the tennis and pickleball area. Staff also anticipates that monthly utility expenses will decrease after the replacement of the existing court lighting with LED fixtures.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| 01/24/2014 | Ordinance #21958: Approving revisions to the Albert-Oakland Park Master Plan and authorizing the construction of four pickleball courts at Albert-Oakland Park https://www.como.gov/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=12179 |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance to authorize the Albert-Oakland Park Pickleball Phase II Improvements Project.