



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 5, 2018

Re: Public Hearing - Clary-Shy Community Park Improvements

Executive Summary

Public hearing for the Clary-Shy Community Park Improvements project. Proposed improvements include the construction of a playground, fitness trail, a second outdoor classroom, and amphitheater at a cost of \$242,500.00. The department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$400,000 by the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program (ORLP) for improvements at Clary-Shy Community Park. The program is a nationally competitive grant program funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Appropriation and approval of the grant will be handled through separate legislation. The grant requires all construction to be completed by May 31, 2020.

Discussion

The (ORLP) program was established by Congress in 2014 and is administered through the National Park Service. The program is funded through the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program. This competitive grant program helps urban communities address outdoor recreation deficits by supporting projects in cities and densely populated urbanized areas that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks, and form connections between people and outdoors. In 2017, the City of Columbia was selected as one of 22 recipients for grant funding from across the United States for construction of improvements at the Clary-Shy Agriculture Park.

Proposed improvements for Clary-Shy Community Park include the construction of a playground, fitness trail, a second outdoor classroom, and amphitheater at a cost of \$242,500.00. The grant funds will also be used to support the construction of the urban garden, outdoor classroom, and parking at the park, which were previously approved by City Council by Ordinance No. 023368 on November 6, 2017.

The proposed improvements funded by the ORLP program are included in the master plan for Clary-Shy Community Park and were discussed throughout the public input process for the development of the agriculture park approved by the City Council on November 6, 2017. The master plan and information about the public input process for the park development can be viewed at <https://www.como.gov/parksandrec/cip/capital-improvement-project-clary-shy-park-improvements/>. Interested parties meetings for the proposed construction of improvements were held on August 6, 2016, August 10, 2016 and August 13, 2016. Park staff also notified the Parks and Recreation Commission at their September 20, 2018 meeting that staff would be requesting Council approval to sign the agreement, appropriate the funds, and approve the construction improvements.



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The proposed improvements utilizing ORLP grant funding at Clary-Shy Community Park will include the following:

1. Contract labor will be used to construct a farm-themed playground adjacent to the MU Healthcare Pavilion at the park. The playground will encompass approximately 3,000 square feet and feature a play structure and independent play features designed for 5-12 year olds. As part of the playground project, park staff will install necessary playground surfacing, fencing, and ADA walkways to connect the playground to adjacent walkways. The playground will serve farmers market patrons and families, along with members of the west central neighborhood.
2. Contract labor will be used to construct a 0.7 mile trail around the perimeter of Clary-Shy Community Park. The trail will include the existing sidewalks along Ash Street and Clinkscales Road. The trail will vary in width between five and six feet depending on new or existing trail infrastructure. The trail will be utilized for outdoor recreation by adjacent neighbors and also serve as an additional amenity for ARC users and group exercise classes.
3. Park staff will design and construct a small amphitheater at the west end of the MU Healthcare Pavilion. This area will be used for live music and other special announcements during the Farmers Market on Saturdays and Wednesdays and will also be available for public use as part of the rental of the MU Healthcare Pavilion. The amphitheater will have all necessary power for individual artists and musical groups.
4. Park staff will design and construct a second outdoor classroom near the water quality basin, which will be used by Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture staff for educational activities ranging from class visits by Columbia Public Schools students to adults learning about health foods and gardening.

The City Council approved Ordinance No. 023368 on November 6, 2017 to authorize the following improvements:

1. Park staff will design and construct an outdoor classroom at Clary-Shy Community Park positioned near the MU Healthcare Pavilion for use during the farmers market and for educational activities ranging from class visits by Columbia Public Schools students to adults learning about health foods and gardening.
2. Grant funding will be utilized to support the construction of the urban garden at Clary-Shy Community Park, including the construction of the fruit/vegetable production areas, orchards, maintenance barn, walkways and necessary utilities. The construction of the urban garden areas was approved by the City Council as part of the master plan and phase I approval. The ORLP grant will provide financial support for the construction of the proposed garden and orchard areas.



3. Grant funding will supplement the costs for the construction of the 40-car parking lot approved with the phase I construction at Clary-Shy Community Park.

The ORLP grant funding requires a minimum 50% match by the sponsor organization. The match for the ORLP grant in the amount of \$400,000 is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and was appropriated as part of the FY18 Capital Improvement Program budget and a subsequent mid-year appropriation. 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. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin spring 2019, and the proposed improvements must be completed by May 31, 2020.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The improvements are funded by a \$400,000 grant provided by the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program. The ORLP requires a minimum 50% match by the sponsor organization. The match for the ORLP grant in the amount of \$400,000 is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff currently maintains the park property and completes all mowing, landscaping and trash removal necessary at the park. Staff does not anticipate an increase in expenses associated with these activities due to the reduction in total area mowed and maintained by park staff. All expenses associated with the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA), including the fruit and vegetable production garden, orchard and maintenance center will be the responsibility of CCUA.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities



Legislative History

Date	Action
05/21/2018	Ordinance #023551: Appropriating funds for the Clary-Shy Community Park - Agriculture Park improvement project. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3494153&GUID=0519C276-6324-488F-A056-73FF20C04D20&Options=&Search=
12/04/2017	Ordinance #023407: Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Farmers Market, Inc. for the operation of a farmers market at the Clary-Shy Community Park. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3214145&GUID=4904D2E6-CD79-48AD-B740-09A038E6432B&Options=&Search=
12/04/2017	Ordinance #023406: Authorizing an agreement with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, Inc. for the development and operation of an agriculture park at Clary-Shy Community Park. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3214146&GUID=A1E4D3D4-ABEA-4C17-BDAA-11B51AC2513C&Options=&Search=
11/06/2017	Ordinance #023368: Approving the Clary-Shy Community Park - Agriculture Park Master Plan; authorizing construction of the Clary-Shy Community Park - Agriculture Park - Phase I improvement project; calling for bids through the Purchasing Division; appropriating funds. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3187346&GUID=10E7F2CB-FBDC-4C52-8EF9-8CFB3B3E277A&Options=&Search=
11/06/2017	PH38-17: Public Hearing - Proposed construction of the Clary-Shy Community Park - Agriculture Park - Phase I improvement project. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3202682&GUID=5AF63C91-2002-4676-A3DD-8ACCE2B0702C&Options=&Search=
8/21/2017	R115-17: Authorizing a grant award agreement with The Missouri Foundation for Health and Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture for a community food assessment and for construction and programming costs associated with the Clary-Shy Agriculture Park https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3130858&GUID=F0B0A055-CE60-4843-BE6C-BB9A8C8C782E&Options=&Search=
06/19/2017	Ordinance #023222: Authorizing an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of University of Missouri Health Care, for the naming rights/sponsorship of the large pavilion located at Clary-Shy Community Park. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3062223&GUID=BBB12F08-183F-41D8-AE88-8BE42D8CA888&Options=&Search=



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09/19/2018	R139-16: Authorizing an MOU with Friends of the Farm for fund-raising activities associated with the construction of a farmers market community center and a community agriculture garden at the Clary-Shy Community Park located on Ash Street. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2838026&GUID=CE50F5D5-D245-4990-B7F3-7347632FF94B&Options=&Search=
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Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the execution of the ORLP grant agreement, appropriating the funds, and approving the proposed construction of a playground, fitness trail, amphitheater, and a second outdoor classroom at the Clary-Shy Community Park.