



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 7, 2016

Re: Renewal of Sustainable Farms Lease to Operate a Farmers Market at Clary-Shy Community Park

Executive Summary

Sustainable Farms and Communities (SF&C) has operated a Farmers Market at Clary-Shy Community Park, located at 1701 West Ash Street, for many years. The agreement for the 2015 season expired on November 15, 2015. There are no changes proposed the 2016 lease agreement. Parks and Recreation is requesting City Council approval of the resolution authorizing the annual lease agreement with Sustainable Farms and Communities, Inc. for the 2016 season.

Discussion

The City has had a long-standing partnership with Sustainable Farms and Communities (SF&C) that allows the organization to lease a specified area of Shy-Clary Park to operate a Farmers Market to serve the citizens of Columbia. The lease for the 2015 season included an expansion of the previous leased area to include a ground area for a community education garden. The proposed lease the 2016 season is identical to the 2015 lease agreement with respect to the terms and conditions, with the lease date range updated for the 2016 season.

Key terms include:

1. The leased area is limited to approximately 50,000 square feet (1.15 acres) which is the basic size of the hard surface area used by the Market, plus the ground area for the community education garden.
2. The lease amount remains the same that it has been for the past several years - \$2,100 per year.
3. Sustainable Farms has the right to use the property for a Farmer's Market from March 15 through November 15, 2016, on the days of the week and during such hours as requested by SF&C and approved by the City Manager.
4. The lease area must be used solely for the operation of a Farmers Market.
5. The City will continue to maintain the area used for the Farmers Market in a dust-free condition and will mow the grass areas adjacent to the Farmers Market.
6. Special promotions such as concerts that may attract larger than normal crowds or those held on dates outside of the approved schedule may be approved through the Park Special



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Use Permit process.

This resolution, if approved, authorizes the City Manager to sign the proposed annual lease agreement with SF&C for the operation of the Farmers Market for the 2016 season.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City will receive \$2,100 in revenue to the City's General Fund for the annual lease agreement.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Health, Social Services & Affordable Housing, Secondary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
02/02/2015	R22-15: 2015 Annual Agreement with Sustainable Farms & Communities, Inc. https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=16553
01/21/2014	R12-14: 2014 Annual Agreement with Sustainable Farms & Communities, Inc. http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Commissions/downloadfile.php?id=12235

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution authorizing the annual lease agreement with Sustainable Farms and Communities, Inc.