



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2016

Re: Donation/Transfer of ownership of Mounted Unit trailer

Executive Summary

Columbia Police Department is seeking approval to donate the former Mounted Unit horse trailer to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center.

Discussion

In 2006, Mr. Mike Teel with Mid-City Lumber donated a 2005 Barrett Horse Trailer to the Columbia Police Foundation, who in turn donated the trailer to the City of Columbia to be used by the Columbia Police Department for their newly formed Mounted Unit. The horse trailer (city vehicle #1151) was used for this purpose from 2006-2015. Due to budget constraints, the Columbia Police Department officially disbanded the Mounted Unit in 2015, leaving the horse trailer with no practical purpose for use.

After the disbandment of the Mounted Unit, former mounted unit member Sergeant Robert Dochler made the decision to find a new home for his horse Bo. Sergeant Dochler was looking for a place in which Bo could live out the rest of his years providing service to the Community, as he did as a CPD Mounted Unit Horse. Sergeant Dochler was familiar with the work of Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center, a local non-profit organization that provides horseback riding therapy to more than 200 people with disabilities each year, located at 4895 East Highway 163. Sergeant Dochler contacted the Center and offered Bo's services. In May of this year, Bo was officially donated by Sergeant Dochler to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center. In talking with the director of the center at the time of his donation, Sergeant Dochler became aware that Cedar Creek's current horse trailer is in need of replacement as it has rusted out and the floors have gone bad.

Police Department Command Staff were made aware of Cedar Creek's need for a trailer and agreed that donating the current unused horse trailer to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center would benefit the community. The Police Department contacted Mr. Teel (original donator of the trailer) and he supports the Department donating the trailer to this non-profit organization. It is our request the City of Columbia donate/transfer ownership of the 2005 Barrett Horse Trailer (vehicle #1151) to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center so they can continue their work helping persons with disabilities in the community.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This would remove the vehicle from Fleet and eliminate the minimal amount currently being paid for maintenance and licensing fees.

Long-Term Impact: No fiscal impact for years beyond two.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Pride & Human Relations, 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: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
06/05/2006	R126-06: Acceptance of Horse Trailer donation

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, staff recommends authorizing the Columbia Police Department to donate their unused Mounted Unit horse trailer to Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center.