



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 4, 2021

Re: ARC Water Zone Flooring Replacement

Executive Summary

Public hearing authorizing improvements at the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC). Park staff is proposing to use contract labor to refinish the ARC Water Zone pool shell. The existing aggregate surfacing is original to the building and has started to deteriorate in multiple areas within the pool. The resurfacing of the pool shell will eliminate the current complaints from ARC patrons and is expected to last between 15 to 20 years. As shown in the City's FY2022 CIP, the total project cost is \$135,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax, Annual Park Maintenance. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and completed using contract labor. The improvement project is expected to take two weeks to complete and staff will notify patrons in advance of the closure for the resurfacing project in the ARC Water Zone.

Discussion

The Activity & Recreation Center (ARC), located at 1701 W. Ash Street, has provided citizens of Columbia with recreation and fitness opportunities since 2002. The 73,000 square foot facility includes an indoor leisure pool, gymnasium, strength training equipment and weights, cardio equipment, indoor track and meeting spaces. Multiple programs and classes are offered for members and visitors with a focus on group fitness classes, spin classes, water aerobics, swimming lessons and youth fitness classes. The ARC also serves as a warming and cooling center for the public.

Parks and Recreation is requesting approval of an ordinance authorizing improvements at the ARC. The improvements will include using contract labor to refinish the ARC Water Zone aggregate pool shell.

ARC staff has monitored the condition of the aggregate pool shell surface in the Water Zone over the past two years and has dedicated a large amount of labor hours to clean out loose aggregate in the pool area on a weekly basis. The aggregate pool shell surfacing has an average lifespan of 15 years and the existing surfacing has been in place at the ARC since 2002 (19 years). Park staff started to evaluate options for resurfacing the pool shell in 2020 and met with multiple vendors to discuss the options for resurfacing, timeline for completion and costs associated with the work. Staff collected public comment about the project via an online survey at como.gov from September 9, 2021 through September 17, 2021 and held a public hearing about the project at the Parks and Recreation Commission on September 16, 2021. With all necessary information and comments from the public and Commission, staff is ready to move forward with the project.



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The scope of the project performed by the contractor will include powerwashing the entire existing surface, removing any loose material in the pool shell and coating the pool shell with a new layer of aggregate surfacing. The color and consistency of the new aggregate will match the existing surfacing in the pool. The work will be completed in all areas of the pool except for the area that includes the water play structure. The water play structure needs to be replaced in the next two to four years. The replacement of the water play structure is shown on the list of projects for the 2021 Park Sales Tax ballot issue and the aggregate surfacing will be replaced as part of this project.

The improvement project, totaling \$135,000, is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and shown in the City's FY2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. The project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and will be completed using contract labor. It is estimated that the work will take two weeks to complete with an additional 5 days needed to refill the pool and balance the pool chemicals. Staff is planning for this work to be completed during the scheduled ARC Water Zone shutdown through the month of October. Staff has other work that needs to be completed during the shutdown including replacement of the pool heater, waterslide refurbishment and repairs to the air handling system for the natatorium. The shutdown of the ARC Water Zone normally occurs for one week in August but, due to the pandemic, staff has moved the date of the shutdown over the past two years. It is anticipated that staff will return to the normal August shutdown of the facility in 2022.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the project is \$135,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax. The work will be completed during the scheduled ARC Water Zone shutdown so there will be a small loss of revenue during this time.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History

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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing, approve the legislation authorizing improvements to the Activity & Recreation Center.