



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 15, 2019

Re: Parks and Recreation Appropriation Request

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council action to appropriate funds in the total amount of \$123,690 from multiple park miscellaneous revenue accounts, donation accounts and the Park Sales Tax fund for their intended use. This includes donations in the amount of \$8,690 for African-American Heritage Trail historic markers, \$85,000 from the Park Sales Tax fund for the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse, \$5,000 for the purchase of memorial/heritage bench materials, and \$25,000 from the Cosmo Luncheon Club for Philips Park stormwater improvements as part of the fieldhouse road project. All funds will be used to offset materials and supplies for various projects as vetted through the City's CIP process or through normal donation procedures. Details of each project are highlighted in the discussion section.

Discussion

1. The Department is requesting \$8,690 received in donations from the Columbia African-American Heritage Trail Fund established through the Community Foundation of Central Missouri be appropriated to the Planning and Development Planning Division operating account. The donated funds cover the material costs for three historic markers located in the central portion of Columbia. The historic markers will be added to the current inventory of markers located along the proposed African-American Heritage Trail.
2. The Department is requesting \$85,000 be appropriated from the Park Sales Tax fund to the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse capital project account. The funds will be used to offset expenses associated with IT infrastructure in the facility, concrete flatwork at the entrance of the facility, and parking lot construction.
3. The Department is requesting \$5,000 received in donations for the Memorial/Heritage Bench Program be appropriated to the Planning and Development Construction Division operating account for Memorial/Heritage benches.
4. In 2016, the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club agreed to provide a \$125,000 sponsorship of the Nifong Park Improvement project by providing \$25,000 per year over a five year period. In order to avoid designated loan fund interest rates, the department utilized a portion of the unappropriated Park Sales Tax balance to complete the project. The Cosmo Club's annual payment of \$25,000 is replacing the Park Sales Tax funds that would have been used on other projects. This year the Department is requesting that the \$25,000 funds be appropriated to the Columbia



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Sports Fieldhouse capital project account. The funds will be used to offset expenses associated with the installation of stormwater improvements required as part of the public street that will service the entire A. Perry Philips Park.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: : The appropriations, totaling \$123,690 will be used to supplement current park construction projects, add amenities to existing parks and trails, and reimburse specific operating accounts for their corresponding expenditures. Staff does not anticipate an adverse fiscal impact associated with the appropriations, and all funds will be spent for their intended use to assist with project completion.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds.