



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2019

Re: Accept donation of 7.81 Acres from MBS Realty Partners

Executive Summary

Parks and Recreation staff is requesting Council approval to accept a 7.81 acre tract of land that is being donated to the City by MBS Realty Partners, LP. As terms of the condition of the donation, the City agrees to use the land for park purposes unless a portion is required for the realignment of Fairview Road as originally planned as part of the Broadway-Fairview Development agreement. The donation will help preserve green space in Columbia and it will be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. As part of the donation agreement, MBS requires that the property be known as Fairview Hollow Nature Area.

Discussion

In early January 2019, the Parks and Recreation Department was approached by representatives of MBS inquiring about the possibility of accepting a 7.81 acre tract of land as a potential addition of wooded natural areas to the City's park system. After reviewing the tract of land and discussing it with City Management, staff expressed interest in accepting the donation.

After a title search was completed, city legal staff has prepared the attached agreement for Council approval. The agreement has the following conditions:

1. The property shall be maintained by the city as a "wooded natural area" park for the benefit of Columbia citizens.
2. The property shall not be developed with shelters, restrooms, or other structures that would detract from its pristine "wooded natural area."
3. The P&R Department shall reasonably maintain the property by removing, if necessary, any dead or hazardous trees or underbrush.
4. The name for the area shall be Fairview Hollow Nature Area.
5. None of the above conditions/restrictions shall impair the City's discretion in connection with any street, roadway, or utility realignment/location on the property including, but not limited to the realignment of Fairview Road and related utilities.

In addition to City Manager's office, this information has been shared with Community Development, Public Works and Utility departments, and they find that the donation conditions are acceptable to their future plans. One of the goals in the City of Columbia's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is to increase the number of acreage of natural/preserved land within the city limits. The acceptance of this land donation will count toward that goal.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Land acquisition is through donation. Minimal impact on operations.

Long-Term Impact: Minimal impact on operations.

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: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Environmental Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff is requesting Council approval to accept the donation of land.