



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 20, 2017

Re: Agreement with Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture for development and operation of an agriculture park at Clary-Shy Community Park

Executive Summary

The Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) along with the Columbia Farmers Market and Sustainable Farms and Communities, have obtained grants, donations and pledges for the development of agriculture park and Farmers Market at Clary-Shy Park. With pending approval of improvements to Clary-Shy Park, this new agreement allows CCUA to develop, construct and maintain an educational agriculture park on the western portion of Clary-Shy Park. The term of this agreement is for 15 years starting March 1, 2018. Maintenance responsibilities are outlined in Attachment A.

Discussion

The mission of the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture is to enhance our community's health by connecting people to agriculture and the land through hands-on learning opportunities from seed to plate. This mission provides an excellent connection with those of the Columbia Farmers Market and strategic plans of the City of Columbia. This agreement will allow CCUA to have a permanent home for their program.

Key terms of the agreement include:

1. The leased area is identified on "Attachment A."
2. The term of the lease agreement is for 15 years starting on March 1, 2018 and shall be automatically renewed for up to 20 successive terms of one year.
3. CCUA may have access to the park during normal park hours with the exception of emergencies.
4. Rent shall consist of a combination of services and the payment of all utility costs for the agriculture park.
 - I. Utilities. CCUA shall pay all utility costs (water, electric, storm water, trash, sewer, gas, etc.) associated with and for the agricultural components of the property. If possible, CCUA shall place the utility bills in CCUA's name and pay the utility providers directly. If separate metering or billing is not possible, City shall bill CCUA for utilities once each month. CCUA shall pay City within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice.
 - II. Services. In addition to the payment of utilities, CCUA shall provide ongoing services in installing, maintaining, and operating the agriculture park and related facilities. CCUA



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shall also continue to raise funds for the maintenance and operation of the agriculture park.

- III. Office Space. Should the City construct office space for CCUA's use, CCUA shall pay rent for the office space. The amount of rent will be negotiated by the Parties and the Parties will execute either a separate lease for the office space or will amend this Agreement.

5. 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 Use Permit process.

This ordinance, if approved, authorizes the City Manager to sign the proposed lease agreement with CCUA for the operation of an agriculture park at Clary-Shy Park.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Revenue should offset operating expenses

Long-Term Impact: Revenue should offset operating expenses

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Economy, Secondary Impact: Social Equity, Tertiary Impact: Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Environmental Management

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/19/2016	R139-16. MOU with Friends of the Farm for Fundraising Efforts for the Development of a Farmers Market Community Center and Community Agriculture Garden at Clary-Shy Park Council items here
06/16/2017	B167-17. Agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of University Missouri Health Care, for the naming rights/sponsorship of the large pavilion located at Clary Shy Park Council items here

Suggested Council Action

Approve the legislation authorizing the lease agreement with the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture.