



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 20, 2018

Re: Public Hearing - Clyde Wilson Park Improvement Project

Executive Summary

Public hearing for the Clyde Wilson Park improvement project. The proposed improvements at the park will include new amenities at the three park entrances and improvements to the natural surface trail system within the park. The total project budget is \$50,000 and is one of the projects identified and funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax. Portions of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Contract labor will be used for the installation of concrete at each park entrance. All other work will be completed by park staff. Improvements at the park are scheduled to begin fall 2018, with an anticipated completion date of late spring 2019.

Discussion

The 10-acre Clyde Wilson Park is located at 601 Rockhill Road and includes a .66 mile natural surface trail throughout the park property that can be accessed by three separate park entrances. The three entrances to the park are located on Wilson Avenue, Rockhill Road and Rollins Road. The majority of the park is comprised of dense urban forest and is a key area of tree preservation for the city of Columbia.

Park staff is proposing to add new amenities to the three entrances to the park and make improvements to the .66 mile natural surface trail within the park.

After reviewing the proposed Clyde Wilson Park improvements in the *2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*, staff discussed a variety of improvements to the park to add amenities to the park entrances, maintain the existing trail system and preserve the urban forest in the park. Park staff held an interested parties meeting at the Rollins Road park entrance on July 12, 2018. Park staff met with citizens to discuss the proposed plans and gain feedback about the park and proposed improvements. Staff also provided the public with an opportunity to provide additional comments about the project via an online survey at como.gov.

Staff introduced the proposed improvements to the Parks & Recreation Commission at their July 19, 2018 meeting. After discussion of the project, the commissioners voted to endorse the proposed improvement plans at the park and recommended that Council approve the plans as presented. After considering all citizen comments and the P&R Commission recommendation, staff believes that proposed improvements to Clyde Wilson Park represent a consensus of park users and staff.



The proposed improvements at Clyde Wilson Park will include the following:

1. At the Wilson Avenue entrance, staff is proposing to use contract labor to install a 25' X 14' concrete pad. Park staff will install a new park sign, water fountain, bench and dead end bollards on the concrete pad. New trash and recycling containers will be added to the park entrance. The new amenities will serve as the main trailhead for the 0.66 mile natural surface trail located within the park.
2. At the Rollins Road entrance, a 30' X 8' concrete pad will be installed using contract labor. After installation of the new concrete pad, park staff will install a new bike rack, park sign and bench. New trash and recycling containers will be added to the park entrance.
3. At the Rockhill Road entrance, contract labor will be used to install a small 4' X 5' concrete pad. Park staff will add a new bike rack and trash/recycling containers to the concrete pad. A new park sign will also be added to the park entrance.
4. Park staff will make necessary improvements to the 0.66 mile natural surface trail including gravel surface repairs, replace existing retaining walls/railroad timbers and remove invasive species encroaching on the trail throughout the park.

The \$50,000 improvement project at Clyde Wilson Park is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax and is included in the City's FY18 Capital Improvement Program budget. Portions of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department, and the proposed improvements will be completed using a combination of contract and force account labor. Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin fall 2018, and staff anticipates the park improvements will be completed by late spring 2019.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total cost of the improvement project is \$50,000 and is funded by the 2015 Park Sales Tax.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff does not anticipate any increase in expenses associated with the park improvements. Park maintenance and trash removal is already completed at the park. This new stop can be added to the existing recycling pickup route and will not require adding an additional recycling route, as yet.



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: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

After the public hearing, approve the ordinance authorizing the Clyde Wilson Park improvement project.