



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 5, 2019

Re: Appointments to the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund

Executive Summary

On April 3, 2017, Council approved an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri for the establishment of the "Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund." The P&R Fund is governed by an Advisory Committee consisting of the Chair of the P&R Commission, three at-large Parks & Recreation Commissioners, and the Director of Parks and Recreation. This is similar to the Advisory Committee of the Columbia Arts Fund. Marin Blevins has stepped down as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Dan Devine became the new Chair. Brendon Steenbergen was appointed to the Commission when Linda Hutton chose not to apply again. The Fund Advisory Committee met on June 20 and voted to submit to the Council the following three at-large Commissioners for appointment to the Advisory Committee: Marin Blevins, Ted Farnen and Brendon Steenbergen.

Discussion

In order to expand the potential sources of funding for the City of Columbia's Parks and Recreation programs and facilities, the City executed an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri for the establishment of a new fund named the "Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund." This fund was started in 2017 with an anonymous \$25,000 donation and now has approximately \$50,000 in funds.

The Parks and Recreation Fund was established through the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to collect donations. All gifts to the P&R Fund may be tax deductible. The Community Foundation provides investing, receipting, distributing, and reporting functions for the fund. Donations to the fund are invested, and the revenue generated from the investments in time could be used to subsidize various Parks and Recreation programs, thus helping to provide a sustainable income for the future. The fund may also be used as a source of matching grants when reaching out to other foundations for funding, and will be eligible to apply for grants or donations that are only available to foundations.

The P&R Fund agreement establishes an Advisory Committee consisting of the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, three Parks and Recreation Commissioners and the Director of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. The three at-large Commissioners are appointed by the City Council. Currently, the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission is Dan Devine, and the following P&R Commissioners have expressed interest in serving on the Advisory Committee: Marin Blevins, Ted Farnen and Brendon Steenburgen. Mr. Blevins has stepped down as Chair and Mr. Steenburgen replaces former Ward 3 Commissioner Linda Hutton.



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The Advisory Committee makes recommendations for distributions from the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund. However, all final distributions must be approved by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: May provide funds for programs or facilities.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

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

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Environmental Management, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
04/03/2017	(R47-17) Authorizing an agreement with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri to establish the Columbia Parks & Recreation Fund and appointing members to the Advisory Committee. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3010118&GUID=4B8A08CF-BC1A-421C-8E87-A60402C1A346&Options=&Search=

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends that Council appoint Marin Blevins, Ted Farnen and Brendon Steenbergen to the three at-large Advisory Committee positions of the Columbia Parks and Recreation Fund.