



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 22, 2019

Re: Parks and Recreation Miscellaneous Donation Appropriation Request

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council action to appropriate funds in the total amount of \$123,299 from multiple park miscellaneous revenue and donation accounts to the appropriate operating and project accounts for their intended use. This includes donations in the amount of \$51,500 from the Rotary Clubs for a playground at Clary Shy Ag Park; \$25,000 from the Cosmo Luncheon Club; \$20,000 from funds raised for the Clary-Shy Friends of the Farm fundraising efforts; \$15,000 from Verizon as part of the City's agreement for an easement to the cell tower in Cosmo Park; \$7,355 in donations for African-American Heritage Trail historic markers; \$3,800 from Board of Realtors as part of a grant match for landscaping at a new shelter at American Legion Park; and \$644 from private donations for the CoMo Bike Co-Op. 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 \$51,500 received in donations from the Rotary Clubs of Columbia be appropriated to the Clary-Shy Park capital project account. The donated funds will be used to offset the costs associated with the purchase and installation of a farm-themed playground, wood fiber mulch surfacing, fencing, rules signage, recognition plaques and connecting ADA walkways. Construction of the playground was approved by the City Council on November 5, 2018.
2. The Department is requesting \$644 received from donations and recycled metal be appropriated to the Planning and Development Planning Division operating account to purchase new supplies for the CoMo Bike Co-op.
3. The Department is requesting \$20,000 received in donations from the Friends of the Farm fundraising committee be appropriated to the Clary-Shy Park capital project account. The donated funds will be used to offset the costs associated with the purchase and construction of the maintenance facility at the agriculture park. The construction of the maintenance facility was approved by the City Council on November 6, 2017 and the department currently has \$129,000 for the construction of the facility. The additional funds will allow park staff to proceed with bidding the materials and installation of the metal building.
4. The Department is requesting \$7,355 received in donations from private citizens and local organizations be appropriated to the Planning and Development Planning Division



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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.

5. The Department is requesting \$3,800 received in grant funding from the Columbia Board of Realtors be appropriated to the American Legion Park capital project account. The grant funding is from the Placemaking Grant Program administered by the National Association of Realtors. The grant funding helped offset the cost of the 24' x 24' shelter constructed as part of the American Legion Park improvement project approved by the City Council on May 1, 2017. The additional funds will be used to make landscaping improvements at the park.
6. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$25,000 received as a donation from the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club for improvements to Nifong Park be appropriated to the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse capital project account. The funding is part of an overall commitment of \$125,000 to the Nifong Park improvement project by the Columbia Cosmopolitan Luncheon Club. The funds are given to the department annually over a 5 year period in \$25,000 increments to reimburse the Park Sales Tax, as funding from the Park Sales Tax was used to complete the project in 2016. The Nifong Park improvement project is completed and the department is requesting the funds be appropriated to the Columbia Sports Fieldhouse. The funds will be used to offset expenses associated with a change order to install automated volleyball goal systems on the four courts in the fieldhouse. The automated goal systems will greatly reduce staff time during volleyball setup and transitioning between basketball and volleyball use on the courts.
7. The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting \$15,000 received as a payment from Verizon Wireless for easement access to the cellular communications tower at Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area be appropriated to the Philips Park Pavilion project. The funds will be used to offset the costs associated with the installation of fiber communication wire from the northeast corner of the park to the southwest corner of the park. The fiber communication wire is needed at the new pavilion, located adjacent to the existing parking and boat dock, and will also provide fiber communication for amenities at Gans Creek Recreation Area.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: : The appropriations, totaling \$123,299, 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
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds.