



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Re: Veterans United Donation Agreement – Douglass Park Basketball Courts

Executive Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Veterans United Foundation. The agreement will provide the department with a donation of \$50,000 to assist with renovations to the basketball courts at Douglass Park. The donated funds will be used to offset expenses associated with the installation of new basketball goals, small shelter, scoreboards and court refinishing. The capital improvement project at Douglass Park also includes FY2024 Park Sales Tax funding, totaling \$225,000. Staff will return to City Council for project approval after the public input process is completed for the project and Park Sales Tax funding and donated funds have been allocated to the project through the FY2024 budget process.

Discussion

In August 2022, park staff met with staff members from the Veterans United Foundation and Mizzou Sports Properties to discuss potential improvements to the basketball courts at Douglass Park. After reviewing the scope of the project, timeline and potential programming associated with the improvements, the Veterans United Foundation pledged \$50,000 toward the improvement project. These funds will help offset the costs associated with the improvements to the basketball courts.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Veterans United Foundation. The agreement outlines the acceptance of a \$50,000 donation to be used for the purchase of equipment and materials to make improvements to the basketball courts at Douglass Park. The proposed improvements include installation of new basketball goals and scoreboards, construction of a new small shelter adjacent to the courts and court refinishing and painting.

As part of the FY2024 budget process, City Council will allocate the donated funds along with \$225,000 in Park Sales Tax for the capital improvement project at Douglass Park. Park staff will return to City Council for project approval after the public input process is completed for the project and a recommendation to proceed with the project is made by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Staff anticipates this will be completed by October 2023.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Per the agreement, the donated funds, totaling \$50,000, will be used for improvements to the basketball courts at Douglass Park.

Long-Term Impact: None



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
None	None

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Veterans United Foundation.