

City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

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3/15/2018

PARKS & RECREATION (520)

Submitted By

Submitted Date

Division / Department

Action Recommendation:

Resolution to approve park projects funded by the Park Land Dedication Funds and the associated budget adjustment to recognize funds received by the Park Land Dedication Fund.

Budget Impact:

2250.520.9256-5806.00 & 2250.520.9256-5814.05		Parks Development	
Account Number		Fund	
13001.1306, 13001.1802 & 02013.1801		Lake Fayetteville Improvements, Wilson Park Improvements & Gregory Park Improvments	
Project Number		Project Title	
Budgeted Item?	No	Current Budget	\$ 21,712.00
		Funds Obligated	\$ 15,837.00
		Current Balance	\$ 5,875.00
Does item have a cost?	Yes	Item Cost	\$ 360,000.00
Budget Adjustment Attached?	Yes	Budget Adjustment	\$ 360,000.00
		Remaining Budget	\$ 5,875.00

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Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Approval Date: _____

Comments:



MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council
THRU: Don Marr, Chief of Staff
FROM: Connie Edmonston, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: March 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution to approve park projects funded by the Park Land Dedication Funds and the associated budget adjustment to recognize funds received by the Park Land Dedication Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution to approve park projects funded by the Park Land Dedication Fund and the associated budget adjustment to recognize funds received by the Park Land Dedication Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Park Land Dedication fund accumulates park fees for residential developments before the final plat is signed or upon issuance of building permits for large scale developments. Funds must be expended within three years of the year in which it is collected and must be spent in the same park quadrant in which the development occurs. There are four park quadrants within our city which are named northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest. Highway 71 separates the east from the west part of the city, and Wedington Drive and Mission Street separates the north from the south. Depending upon each development's progress, Park Land Dedication Ordinance funds become available for capital improvements in parks when they are received from the developer.

DISCUSSION:

Recently, funding has become available through the Park Land Dedication Ordinance to fund three park projects which are located in three different park quadrants as follows:

- 1. Northeast park quadrant: Lake Fayetteville Improvements - Sculler's and Canoe/Kayak Dock in the amount of \$25,000.**

Justification: The NWA Rowing Club utilizes Lake Fayetteville Marina for their rowing and sculling activities. The existing dock used by the club to launch their boats has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced. In addition, Parks and Recreation's summer camps utilize the lake for canoe and kayak activities. Currently, the campers drag their boats from the storage area to the north end of the property to launch from a sandy beach area. A new rowing dock with a canoe/kayak launch area is needed to

accommodate the Rowing Club, camps, and other park patrons with a safe launching area.

2. Northwest park quadrant: Gregory Park Improvements in the amount of \$185,000.

Justification: Gregory Park consists of 19 acres and is located south of Sycamore Street behind the McDonalds on Highway 71. The Ozark Off-road Cyclists were awarded \$256,616 from the Walton Foundation to build a pump track, bike skills course, downhill track, and make improvements to the existing trail's system. These improvements will increase the usability and popularity of the park by providing additional recreational opportunities. Currently, the parking lot is gravel and plans are to expand the parking area with a hard surface to accommodate the increased usage at Gregory Park due to the trail improvements. Other improvements to the park will include signage, drinking fountain, and improvements to ADA features and the pavilion.

3. Southwest park quadrant: Wilson Park improvements - replace two trail bridges in the amount of \$150,000.

After inspecting the trail bridges built in 1986 at Wilson Park, City Engineers determined they needed to be replaced. This will require the installation of new bridge footers as well as the purchase of two new steel bridges. The bridges will be similar to the bridges on the trail system. The bridges are currently 4 feet wide and will be increased to 8 feet wide to allow for two way foot traffic as well as accommodate park mowers to cross Scull Creek for mowing purposes.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

Recently, funds are available to assist with these needed park projects through the Park Land Dedication Ordinance for \$25,000 from the northeast park quadrant for Lake Fayetteville Marina, \$185,000 from the northwest park quadrant for Gregory Park improvements, and \$150,000 for Wilson Park improvements. Park staff will assist in the dock installation at Lake Fayetteville and bridge construction at Wilson Park.

Attachments:

Budget Adjustment