


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	22-107	Meeting:	March 21, 2022
	Agenda Item:	11i	Roll Call:	22-398
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of the National Park Service (NPS) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application seeking \$200,000 for Stone Park Pickleball Court Construction and Basketball Court repair project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend ratification of the NPS LWCF grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$200,000 towards the Stone Park Pickleball Courts Construction and Basketball Court Repair Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

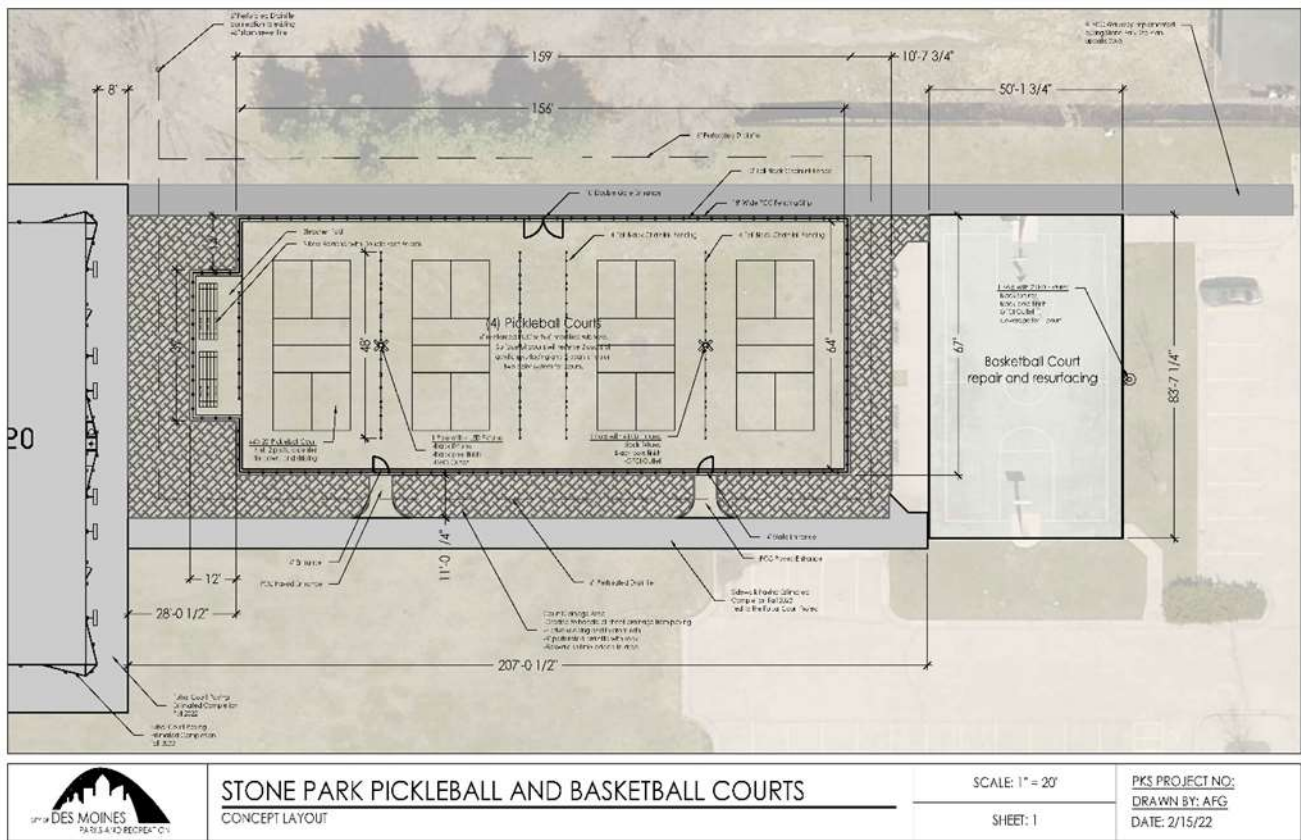
Amount: \$200,000 LWCF grant revenue, if awarded, toward an overall pre-design/concept estimate of \$550,000.

Funding Source: Anticipated \$200,000 in LWCF funding from Iowa Department of Transportation (IDNR) and remaining funding from 2021-2022 CIP, Page 66, Park Improvements, PK137, \$350,000 G.O. Bonds Issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The NPS LWCF is managed through the IDNR and supports cities with populations of 50,000 plus, in seeking up to \$200,000 for the development and/or acquisition of land for natural resources and outdoor recreation.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for the full potential funding amount for the Stone Park Pickleball Court construction and Basketball Court repair project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making the application that are standard to many grant programs.

- Located within the Indianola Hills neighborhood, the 15.5-acre Stone Park was originally acquired in 1925 and renamed in 1954.
- The park features beautiful mature trees and an open lawn used for active recreation, basketball court, wading pool, playground, open air shelter, picnic tables, off street parking, Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center, and the future proposed improvements to the site.
 - Community garden installation 2022-2023
 - Planned installation of donated Mini-Pitch Futsal Court system 2023
 - Additional Site plan updates 2024-2026
- The proposed improvements at Stone Park will include the following:
 - Construction of a 4-court pickleball facility:
 - Reinforced concrete pad, post and nets, 10-foot perimeter fencing, 4-foot divider fencing, entrance gates, bleacher pad, acrylic resurfacing, 2-color painting and lines, electrical access, and sport court lighting.
 - Repair of the existing basketball court:
 - Court cleaning, low spot leveling, crack repair system, two (2) coats of acrylic resurfacing, two (2) coats of court color, striping, electrical access, and sport court lighting.
- Public input in 2021 played a large role in the design of these features, as well as the current popularity of the sport and need for additional facilities that fill location/level of service gaps.
- Public input sessions were held on September 7, 2021, with the McKinley Columbus Neighborhood Association, the Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association on October 12, 2021 and November 8, 2021, with community garden stakeholders on October 5, 2021 and resulted in both approvals of these and other proposed improvements to Stone Park and a letter of recommendation for the LWCF grant from the president of the Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association on March 4, 2022.
- A spring 2023 bid period is anticipated with a start to construction in late summer 2023.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

- Anticipated actions include ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approval of contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.
- Boards and commissions considerations will be completed as the project progresses and will be itemized on the future ordering construction Council Communication.

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