


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	23-395	Meeting:	August 21, 2023
	Agenda Item:	21	Roll Call:	23-1179
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving and authorizing the execution of agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program for Stone Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts Improvement Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and authorization of IDNR Agreement No. 19-01373 for LWCF, between the City of Des Moines, the IDNR, and the National Park Service (NPS) for \$200,000 towards the Stone Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts Improvements project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$200,000 LWCF grant revenue toward an overall pre-engineering estimate of \$750,000.

Funding Source: Anticipated \$200,000 in LWCF funding from IDNR and NPS, and \$550,000 remaining funding from 2023-24 CIP, PK137 Park Improvements, Page 74.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Located within the Indianola Hills neighborhood, the 15.5-acre park was acquired in 1925 and was named Stone Park in 1954.
- The park features mature trees, an open lawn, basketball court, wading pool, playground, open-air shelter, picnic tables, off-street parking, and newly constructed community garden. Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center is adjacent to the park.
- Stone Park and Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center serve an estimated 2,996 Des Moines residents who live within a 10-minute walking distance. Many residents and visitors utilize the park and Community Recreation Center for neighborhood and regional events and programming.
- The proposed pickleball court and basketball court improvements at Stone Park will include the following:
 - Construction of a four (4)-court pickleball facility

- Reinforced concrete pad, post and nets, 10-foot perimeter fencing, four (4)-foot divider fencing, accessible entrance gates, bleacher pad, two (2) coats of acrylic resurfacing, two (2) coats of acrylic court color, painting of court lines, electrical access, and LED 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, painting of court lines, electrical access, and LED sport court lighting.
- Public input played a significant role in the design of these features, as well as the current popularity of the sport and the need for additional facilities to address a level of service gap.
 - In-person opportunities included:
 - September 7, 2021: McKinley Columbus Neighborhood Association
 - October 5, 2021: Community Garden Stakeholders
 - October 12, 2021: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - November 8, 2021: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - January 11, 2022: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - November 10, 2022: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - January 12, 2023: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - July 11, 2023: Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association
 - Online questionnaire was available from November 2022 – December 2022 and garnered 33 responses.
- The Parks and Recreation Department received a letter of support for the LWCF grant from the Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association president on March 4, 2022.
- The proposed pickleball court and basketball court improvements are part of the more significant multi-phased improvements at Stone Park, which also includes:
 - Community Gardens
 - Removal of the existing wading pool and playground structure
 - Sprayground and playground improvements
 - Mini-Pitch futsal court system donated by Kick-It Forward and Musco Lighting
 - Accessible concrete walkways and walking loop
 - Stormwater management
 - Site grading and restoration
- Engineering and construction documentation will occur during fall 2023, with ordering construction and bidding to follow. Pending Council approval, construction is anticipated to begin in early 2024, with completion anticipated in late 2024.

- The NPS LWCF is managed through the IDNR and supports cities with populations of 50,000 and over, in seeking up to \$200,000 for the development and/or acquisition of land for natural resources and outdoor recreation. The maximum LWCF grant allocation of \$200,000 was awarded for the Stone Park improvement project. The City's capital funding allocation for the Stone Park improvement project exceeds the LWCF grant minimum 50% local grant match requirement.
- The City's acceptance of LWCF grant funding requires the City to record notice of the grant agreement with the Polk County Recorder depicting the property and the grant funded project boundary map, including a statement that the LWCF recipient property has been developed with LWCF assistance and cannot be converted from public outdoor recreation use without prior written approval of Secretary of Interior.

Stone Park Pickleball and Basketball Court Improvements - Concept Plan



Stone Park Site Plan - Concept Plan



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 21, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0398](#)

Action: [Ratification](#) of the NPS LWCF grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$200,000 towards the Stone Park Pickleball Court Construction and Basketball Court Repair Project. ([Council Communication no. 22-107](#)) Moved by Boesen to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated future 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.

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