


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-531	Meeting:	December 4, 2023
	Agenda Item:	7E	Roll Call:	23-1681
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director, and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordering construction of the following: Stone Park Improvements - Receiving bids, (1-9-24), and Setting date of hearing, (1-22-24). (Construction Estimate - \$2,425,000).

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend the City Council order construction of the improvement and set dates to receive bids and hold a public hearing, as required by Iowa Code, utilizing the method of financing referenced below. The project provides for the construction of a new sprayground, four (4) dedicated pickleball courts, court surface for a donated Kick It Forward mini-pitch futsal system, sidewalks, basketball court rehabilitation, segmental block wall, playground equipment, site furnishings and associated improvements in Stone Park to provide replacement play opportunities and to better serve the neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT:

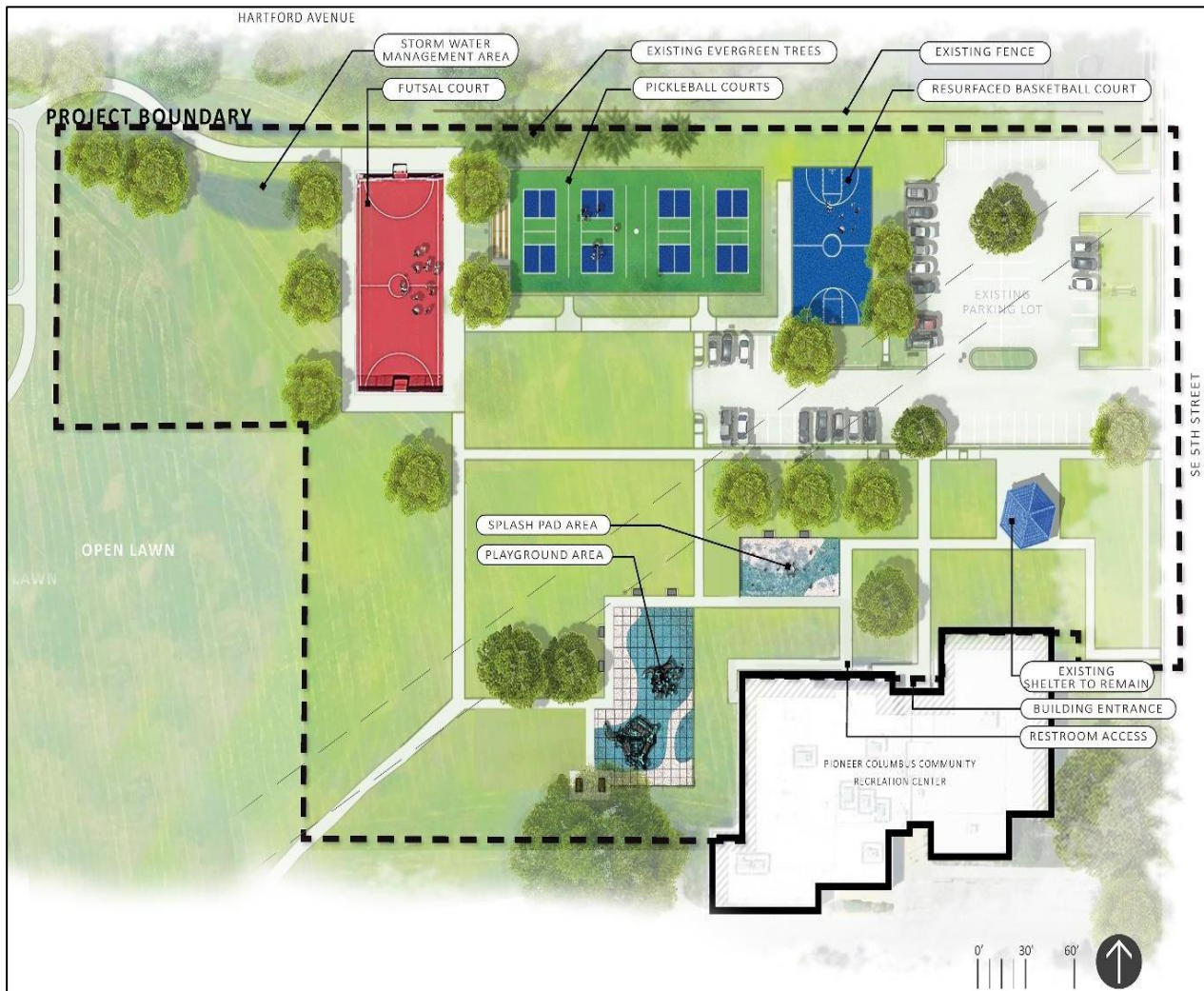
Amount: \$2,425,000 City Engineer's Estimate

Funding Source: 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page 71, Sprayground Improvements, PK034, Being: \$1,075,000 General Fund via American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) transfer; \$138,857.28 Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST); and CIP Page 74, Park Improvements, PK137, Being: \$465,143.24 GO Bonds, \$164,999.48 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding from the National Park Service (NPS), and \$581,000 Private Contributions

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Engineering Department has prepared plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Stone Park Improvements, Activity ID 11-2023-004. The improvement includes the construction of new reinforced Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) sport courts, including four (4) dedicated pickleball courts with bleacher pad and one court surface for a donated Kick It Forward mini-pitch futsal system, LED sport court lighting for the pickleball and basketball courts, perimeter and divisional fencing for pickleball courts, acrylic resurfacing and color for all courts, acrylic resurfacing and crack repair on existing basketball court, sprayground with water spray features, accessible concrete sidewalks, playground equipment, tiled and engineered wood fiber surfacing, segmental retaining wall, site furnishings and associated improvements including the installation of a water service line, concrete paving, beam curb, drainage piping, earthwork, and restoration, all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File No. 658-001/064, located in Stone Park at 2100 SE 5th Street.

- The estimated construction cost is \$2,425,000. The proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents are available for public inspection in the Des Moines City Engineer's Office.
- A prefabricated open-air shelter including installation will be an add-alternative improvement for the ordering and awarded pending available funding.
- Construction of this project is anticipated to be completed in spring 2025.
- Stone Park is located within the Indianola Hills neighborhood. This 15.5-acre park was acquired in 1925 and was named Stone Park in 1954. It features mature trees, open lawn, a basketball court, playground, open-air shelter, picnic tables, off-street parking, a newly constructed community garden and Pioneer Columbus Community Recreation Center.
- 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 Parks and Recreation Planning Division led an extensive public input process to gain valuable insight into what improvements will serve residents best at Stone Park. The engagement included multiple public input and neighborhood association meetings, online questionnaire, social media posts, and signage:
 - January 12, 2023: Public meeting to discuss the various planned improvements, the preferred design, and reviewed findings from the public input questionnaire.
 - November 10, 2022: Public input meeting aimed to inform, excite, and solicit feedback on the improvements planned at Stone Park.
 - January 11, 2022: Quarterly Indianola Hills Neighborhood meeting to discuss the final developed plan for the relocated community garden and discussed was the final location for the futsal court.
 - November 8, 2021: Public input meeting to solicit feedback on the development of a preferred Stone Park site plan which considers the forthcoming community gardens, futsal court, and additional site improvements. Online and printed questionnaires were provided for additional streams of input and feedback for folks who were unable to attend in person.
 - October 12, 2021: Quarterly Indianola Hills Neighborhood meeting to discuss the detailed analysis work performed for Stone Park. The planners solicited any comments and questions regarding any aspects of existing or future Stone Park Improvements.
- Funding for the proposed four (4)-court pickleball facility is being made possible through a generous donation from the Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Family Foundation and family. The pickleball facility will be constructed with reinforced concrete and include 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.
- The Stone Park futsal mini-pitch system will be installed as a stand-alone, private donation project at no cost to the City per the donation and naming agreement with Kick It Forward. The donated system includes goals, seating, and a LED light. This installation will be the final of four (4) systems, including those installed at Tower Park, Chesterfield Park, and Evergreen Park.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: October 23, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1444](#)

Action: [Donation](#) agreement with Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Family Foundation for funding of Stone Park pickleball courts. ([Council Communication No. 23-477](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: August 21, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1179](#)

Action: [Approving](#) and authorizing the execution of agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the Federal LWCF program for Stone Park Pickleball and Basketball Courts Project. ([Council Communication No. 23-395](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

Date: March 7, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-0343](#)

Action: [Donation](#), Construction and Naming Agreement with Kick It Forward regarding Mini-Pitch Futsal Court Systems at Chesterfield Park, Evergreen Park, Stone Park, Tower Park, and naming such Futsal Courts “Kick It Forward Mini-Pitch System”. ([Council Communication No. 22-096](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: September 20, 2023

Action: VII. BOARD ACTION – BY ROLL CALL VOTE EACH

a. STONE PARK PLAYGROUND REBUILD

Due to lack of quorum, a consensus of the members present recommended this project as presented.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, and approve contract and bond; also partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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