Request for Legislative Action

Res. #21107

Sponsor: Tony Miller Date: November 28, 2022

Completed by County Counselor's Office				
Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	21107	
Sponsor(s):	Tony Miller	Legislature Meeting Date:	11/28/2022	

Introduction
Action Items: ['Courtesy']
Project/Title:
A Resolution adopting the Blue River Parkway Master Plan.

Request Summary

The Blue River Parkway is a 2,267-acre Jackson County park located along fifteen miles of the Blue River. At its north end, the park connects to Swope Park in Kansas City, running southwest along the river to Kenneth Road and the Missouri/Kansas state line. Amenities within the Parkway include multiuse sports fields, paved walking paths, and mountain bike and nature trails. The park also includes many scenic and natural areas, such as the Alex George Wetland and the Blue River Glade.

As part of Jackson County's commitment to enhance the quality of life for all residents and build a better, more equitable community, the Parks Department has worked over the past year to develop a new Master Plan for the Parkway. The plan documents the park's high value to the community as a place for recreation, enjoyment, and wellness, while recognizing the incredible natural resources that are protected within the park's boundaries.

Public engagement is the foundation of the new master plan. At every step of the planning process, the citizens of Jackson County, stakeholders, and every-day park users were engaged to provide the input and feedback that became the goals and priorities for the future of the park. Seven stakeholder focus group meetings were held. Six public meetings were hosted across the Blue River watershed, from south Kansas City to eastside neighborhoods. Over 800 responses were received from an online and written needs assessment survey, and a project website was launched to provide project information and solicit additional input.

The highest goals and priorities of the citizens of Jackson County for the park are document in the attached Master Plan report. They include protecting the park in perpetuity as a recreational and open space asset, increasing visibility, use, accessibility and inclusiveness through new partnerships and engagement programs, restoring natural areas, and making key capital improvement investments to extend the trails network and improve recreational facilities and amenities. Implementation of these goals and priorities will come forward through new grants, collaborations, and partnerships with the many stakeholders who share our vision to protect and improve the Parkway for generations to come.

Contact Informat	ion		
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	Operations		

Budget Information				
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:			\$ 0	
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:			\$ 0	
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:			\$	
Is it transferring fund?			No	
Single Source Funding:				
Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:	
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Prior Legislation			
Prior Ordinances			
Ordinance:	Ordinance date:		
Prior Resolution			
Resolution:	Resolution date:		
20700	June 21, 2021		

Purchasing			
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of	No		
supplies, materials, equipment or services?			
Chapter 10 Justification:			
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:			
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:			
Have all required attachments been included in			
this RLA?			

Compliance
Certificate of Compliance
Not Applicable
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Not spending money
MBE: .00%
WBE: .00%

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	VBE:	.00%		
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Not Applicable				

Fiscal Information

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History

Submitted by Parks + Rec requestor: Brian P. Nowotny on 11/18/2022. Comments:

Approved by Department Approver Susan I. Kinnaman on 11/18/2022 4:14:24 PM. Comments:

Not applicable by Purchasing Office Approver Barbara J. Casamento on 11/18/2022 4:32:18 PM. Comments:

Approved by Compliance Office Approver Jaime Guillen on 11/18/2022 4:47:23 PM. Comments:

Not applicable by Budget Office Approver David B. Moyer on 11/21/2022 8:03:06 AM. Comments:

Approved by Executive Office Approver Sylvya Stevenson on 11/21/2022 9:10:12 AM. Comments:

Approved by Counselor's Office Approver Katherine Henry on 11/22/2022 11:29:21 AM. Comments: