



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 20, 2021
From: Andrew Lawson, Public Information Officer
Item: 2-Year Renewal of WVDGA's Cox Park Adoption Contract

Purpose: Consent Agenda Item: Approve a Resolution approving a recommendation of the Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board to renew an adoption contract for two years with the Walnut Valley Disc Golf Association (WVDGA) for Robert Cox Memorial Park, located at 1201 N. 5th St. in Arkansas City.

Background:

The City Commission on **April 19, 2016**, voted to approve the City's park adoption policy, since re-termed the "Public Land Adoption Policy." A copy of the current policy follows later in this packet.

The **Walnut Valley Disc Golf Association (WVDGA)**, represented locally by Visit Ark City Board of Trustees chairman **Arty Hicks** and **Mike Ptaszynski**, previously applied to "adopt" **Robert Cox Memorial Park**.

The City Commission on **July 21, 2020**, approved **Resolution No. 2020-07-3343**, approving a recommendation of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board to initiate an adoption contract for one year with WVDGA, a local recreational organization, for Robert Cox Memorial Park, located at 1201 N. Fifth St., to include the provision and maintenance of nine (9) disc golf baskets and signage, assistance with clearing and maintaining part of the course, and increased usage of this underutilized park. All of these goals have since been achieved.

WVDGA still plans to organize and play monthly events at the park, which may attract out-of-town visitors.

City staff remains responsible for removing large limbs and trees, emptying park trash receptacles, and other routine, ongoing park maintenance duties. WVDGA remains responsible for removing baskets, as needed.

The **Beautification and Tree Advisory Board** voted 4-0 during a special virtual meeting on **July 12** to recommend that the City Commission approve renewing Cox Park's adoption by WVDGA for two (2) additional years.

Staff again commends WVDGA for stepping up and helping to enhance this underutilized neighborhood park, which has already seen a notable uptick in traffic and usage since the installation of this disc golf course.

Commission Options:

1. Approve with consent agenda.
2. Remove from consent agenda for further consideration.

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2021-07-_____
2. Cox Park Adoption Contract
3. Public Land Adoption Policy

Approved for Agenda by:

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Randy Frazer, City Manager