



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: April 5, 2022
From: Randy Frazer, City Manager
Item: Renewing Adoption Contract for Knebler Pond Disc Golf Course

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) Knebler Pond/Prairie Passage Recreation Area, located at 28674 71st Road in Arkansas City.

Background:

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” **Knebler Pond**, also known as the Prairie Passage Recreation Area, for a disc golf course, following on the earlier successful adoption of **Robert Cox Park**.

The City Commission on **March 16, 2021**, voted to approve the **Beautification and Tree Advisory Board’s** 4-0 recommendation to initiate an adoption contract for one year with WVDGA to install the new disc golf course.

The adopting party raised funds that were used to construct 18 new disc golf baskets, with the assistance of a professional, nationally renowned course designer who laid out the new course.

It is an 18-hole “advanced” course, maintained by WVDGA. WVDGA plans to organize and play monthly events at the park, which may attract out-of-town visitors, as well as host larger tournaments, such as one on **May 7-8**.

WVDGA continues to help with clearing the area as needed. The group also continues to assist with post-event cleanup. WVDGA remains responsible for removing baskets due to flooding or other events, as needed.

City staff will remain responsible for mowing, removing large limbs and trees, emptying trash receptacles, and other routine, ongoing park maintenance duties. City staff also may need to assist with the initial installation of tee pads.

At a later date, WVDGA will provide funds for the installation of appropriate signage, with the permission of the City and the **Beautification and Tree Advisory Board**, which unanimously voted during a regular meeting on **March 24** to recommend that the City Commission renew WVDGA’s adoption of Knebler Pond for two (2) years.

Staff continues to commend WVDGA for stepping up and helping to enhance this natural recreation area.

Commission Options:

1. Approve the Resolution.
2. Table the Resolution for further discussion.
3. Disapprove the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

Amount: Minimal cost to City

Fund:

X Included in Budget

Department:

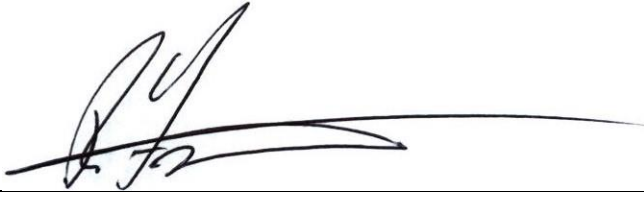
_____ Grant

_____ Bonds

Expense Code:

_____ Other (explain):

Approved for Agenda by:

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Randy Frazer, City Manager