



# City Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** March 15, 2022  
**From:** Randy Frazer, City Manager  
**Item:** Adoption Proposal for Lovie Watson Park StoryWalk

**Purpose:** Consider a Resolution approving a recommendation of the Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board to initiate an adoption contract for one year with the Arkansas City Public Library for a StoryWalk in Lovie Watson Park, located at 614 W. Birch Ave. in Arkansas City.  
**(Voice Vote)**

**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 **Arkansas City Public Library** (ACPL) and **Robin Henderson**, a Beautification and Tree Advisory Board member who is the lead organizer of an annual Juneteenth event in Lovie Watson Park, have applied to "adopt" a new StoryWalk facility in **Lovie Watson Park**. As with the previous StoryWalk at the Poplar Walking Trail, which has been a huge success, grant funds will provide for the installation of the StoryWalk signs.

ACPL will be responsible for maintaining the signs and changing out the storybooks, as they already do at the Poplar Trail. Henderson has pledged to help raise maintenance funds through her Juneteenth fundraiser event. Both parties have requested that the City install the signs and provide the concrete for doing so, as it did at Poplar Trail. The **Parks and Facilities Division** estimates this cost will be approximately **\$80.00** at current prices.

The Beautification Board voted 3-0 during its regular meeting on **February 24, 2022**, to recommend that the City Commission approve initiating this adoption by the Arkansas City Public Library for one (1) year. *(Henderson abstained from this vote due to conflict of interest, as she is one of the adopting parties.)*

**Commission Options:**

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

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution No. 2022-03-\_\_\_\_
2. Lovie Watson Park Adoption Contract
3. Public Land Adoption Policy

**Approved for Agenda by:**

Randy Frazer, City Manager

