



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
September 9, 2021

Department Finance

Director Approval Lacey Lies

AGENDA ITEM Consider setting a public hearing for September 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. for submission of the Central Park Sports Complex project to KDWP for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Set the public hearing for September 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

BACKGROUND The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks (KDWP) is accepting applications for Federal grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund until September 15, 2021. The program provides 50 percent reimbursement to selected outdoor recreation projects that are sponsored by political subdivisions and other appropriate public agencies.

Since 1965, Kansas has received over \$50 million and funded approximately 700 LWCF projects in nearly every county. Qualifying projects include development and/or acquisition of outdoor facilities for the purpose of public recreation. Upon receiving 2021 applications, KDWP will review each project to confirm that it is in accord with the eligibility requirements specified in the LWCF guidelines. Eligible projects will include all required documentation, and meet needs identified in the 2015 Kansas Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

City staff plans to submit an application for the Central Park Sports Complex, which will significantly improve and expand the sporting facilities connecting the skate park on Penn Avenue and the baseball/softball complex on Park Blvd, adding a soccer complex and concessions/restrooms, batting cages, a 1-mile walking trail, pickleball courts, basketball courts, a play area, multi-use field, and an outdoor fitness court. Additionally, the plan incorporates ADA accessibility throughout the park and gives safe, marked parking to all facilities.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to set the public hearing to discuss accepting applications for Federal grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for September 15, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS N/A