AGENDA ITEM HISTORY SHEET

ITEM TITLE
Mills Park Trail Rennovation

AGENDA NO. 9

AGENDA DATE: 9/24/24

FUNDING CERTIFICATION (Finance Director) (Signature, if applicable)

MANAGEMENT STAFF REVIEW (Signature)

MAYOR (Signature)

ITEM HISTORY (Previous Council reviews, action related to this item, and other pertinent history)

Mills Park, a key part of the Bryant Park System since 1971, spans 80 acres and offers a variety of amenities, including an outdoor swimming pool, an all-inclusive playground, tennis and pickleball courts, a multi-use nature trail, pavilions, an outdoor basketball court, a mountain bike trail, and restrooms. From March to August 2024, the park attracted over 125,000 visitors.

ITEM COMMENTARY (Background discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.) Please identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget, personnel resources, and/or residents.

Due to the high usage, the multi-use nature trail is in need of renovation, with repaving being the only improvement planned to enhance its accessibility and usability. This project aims to secure funding through the Great Strides/Trails for Life grant, a no-match grant administered by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism. We plan to request the maximum grant amount of $250,000, and a quote is currently being prepared to ensure the project stays within this budget. This has been recommended by the Parks Committee.

(This section to be completed by the Mayor)

ACTION PROPOSED (Motion for Consideration)

Motion to approve the City applying for the Great Strides/Trails for Life grant.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF BRYANT TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT STRIDES/TRAILS FOR LIFE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Bryant, Arkansas recognizes the need to provide public recreation facilities for its local citizens and visitors, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant wishes to apply for Great Strides/Trails for Life grant funds through the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to renovate Mills Park Trail; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Chris Treat and the Bryant City Council understands that if granted funds for park development, they must provide land, by lease or ownership, on which to develop park facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bryant will sign a contract agreeing to provide the necessary resources to maintain this park and facilities for a period of 25 years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BRYANT CITY COUNCIL THAT:

SECTION I: Bryant City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor Chris Treat to submit an application for grant funding to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism to renovate Mills Park Trail.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 24th day of September, 2024.

Signed: _____
Chris Treat
Mayor of Bryant

ATTEST: _____
(SEAL)