

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
APRIL 6, 2021 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents to accept a donation of land between Conner and River Mountain Parks.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Parks &amp; Recreation Department</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the acceptance of a land donation from Michael Akel, property located between Conner and River Mountain Parks for the purpose of allowing connection between developed trails.</p> <p>Funds for closing cost are available through Parks Operating Budget.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The subject land donation is located just south of Southridge Road in Walton Heights Subdivision, and is comprised of approximately 1.27 acres of steep hillside and is contiguous to lands owned by Parks. Acquisition of this property will allow a trail to be developed that connects the existing trails to the east and west. An appraisal, title search and Phase I Environmental Assessment were performed by staff, and these studies found no adverse impacts for the City of Little Rock. The donated land's appraisal value is \$30,000.</p>	

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Staff has worked with various bicycle and trail supporters who have expressed a desire a connection of trail between Conner and River Mountain Park. In addition, this trail program is in alliance with the Master Parks Plan.