

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>A resolution to enter into a contract with the Parks and Recreation Foundation of Arkansas for development of mountain bike trails and trail amenities at River Mountain Park and Two Rivers Park.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Parks & Recreation Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Parks and Recreation Foundation of Arkansas to develop Mountain Bike Trails and Trail Amenities at River Mountain Park and Two Rivers Park.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>The Memorandum of Agreement authorizes the Foundation to provide a service by which it collects, manages and distributes funds necessary for the project. The City to contribute \$200,000 out of the total estimated project cost of \$800,000. The City's commitment is to be funded from 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funds, Account No. 326459 TS45C13.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Staff developed a Soft Surface Trail Feasibility Study in which seven (7) potential projects were identified. The study was developed by professional consultants and River Mountain Park and Two Rivers Park were chosen based on criteria of excellent natural elevation, landscape features, and proximity to the Arkansas River trail and Pinnacle Mountain State Park Monument Trails.</p>	

**BACKGROUND
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The Foundation has tremendous experience in the State of Arkansas fundraising for, and managing, mountain bike development. Staff wishes to partner with the Foundation to raise funds to construct Mountain Bike Trails and Trail Amenities at River Mountain Park and Two Rivers Park. Staff has met with the Walton Heights Neighborhood Association numerous times to review the scope of the projects over the last two (2) years, and the Association has expressed its support for both the projects.