

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
AUGUST 1, 2017 AGENDA**

<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>To authorize the City Manager to apply to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism’s Outdoor Recreation Grants Program to renovate the Civitan Amphitheater at the Little Rock Zoo.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Little Rock Zoo</p>	<p><b>Action Required:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b> Approval Information Report</p>	<p><b>Approved By:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 City Manager to apply for a grant from Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism in the amount of \$250,000 to renovate the Civitan Amphitheater located at the Little Rock Zoo.</p> <p>The City will provide \$250,000 as the “dollar for dollar” match for the grant. Matching funds to come from the 2018 City Budget.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The City held four (4) public hearings in April and May 2017, and three (3) of the meetings were specifically held to gather input from groups including seniors and minorities. This project received a tremendous amount of support from the public.</p> <p>The project will renovate the Civitan Amphitheater to include a permanent shade structure, improved lighting and seating, the addition of ADA-compliant seating and an on-stage penguin pool.</p>	

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If the grant is awarded, the City will be required (via an easement) to permanently maintain the amphitheater and if it is required to be moved to another location, then the City will be responsible for the costs of the move. Staff has prepared the application and general design concepts for the amphitheater and requests permission from the Board to apply for grant funding for the project.