

Public Hearing: May 18, 2015

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FACTSHEET

TITLE: Agreement between City and J.M. Seed, LLC for planting and harvesting of prairie grass at Stevens Creek Park.

BOARD/COMMITTEE: N/A

APPLICANT: Lincoln Parks and Recreation

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None.

SPONSOR: Lincoln Parks and Recreation

OPPONENTS: None known.

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Agreement between City and J.M. Seed, LLC d/b/a Miller Seed Company of Lincoln for planting and harvesting of native grasses on approximately 42 acres in Stevens Creek Park at N. 98th and Adams Streets.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

Stevens Creek Park is a 63-acre undeveloped park adjacent to Burns Park in northeast Lincoln at the southeast corner of 98th and Adams Streets. The property was purchased in 2014 as a future Community or Regional Park in the Stevens Creek watershed, and the majority of the park is encumbered by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. The near-term development plan approved by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission includes seeding the open areas to native prairie grasses with a mowed walking path and providing off-street parking. Under this agreement, Miller Seeding Company will to have the right to seed and harvest approximately 42 acres of native grass as shown on Exhibit A for a period of up to 4 years from the date of approval, except that this period may be extended by amendment. Continued public access will be maintained during the harvest periods.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes No

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Entering into this agreement for Miller Seed Company to complete planting and maintenance on the site for the near term until it is more fully developed represents a significant savings for the City.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$163,800

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: Included in total cost.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: None.

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