AN ORDINANCE

appropriating CDBG funds for improvement projects at Again Street Park and Brown Station Park; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The sum of $48,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Account No. 440-0000-461.10-00 C00469 to Account No. 440-8800-548.49-90 C00469 for the construction of improvements at Again Street Park.

SECTION 2. The sum of $25,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Account No. 440-0000-461.10-00 C00414 to Account No. 440-8800-548.49-90 C00414 for the construction of improvements at Brown Station Park.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _______ day of ______________________, 2010.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk      Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the following accounts to cover the above appropriations:

Account No. 440-0000-461.10-00 C00469
Account No. 440-0000-461.10-00 C00414

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Director of Finance
TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager and Staff  
DATE: November 17, 2010  
RE: CDBG Appropriation: Again Street Park and Brown Station Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Parks and Recreation is requesting Council action to appropriate $73,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds. Funding in the amount of $25,000 will be used to supplement an existing park project, Brown Station Park Improvements and $48,000 will be used to entirely fund the Again Street Park Improvements.

DISCUSSION:

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting $73,000 of Community Development Grant funds for Brown Station Park and Again Street Park. At the August 2, 2010 meeting, Council approved CDBG funding in the amount of $25,000 for the Brown Station and $48,000 for Again Street Parks with resolution R157-10. Park staff has been waiting on the release of CDBG funds prior to beginning work and it appears those funds have been released. This request appropriates the funds to the specific projects.

The $48,000 for Again Street Park project is entirely funded by CDBG funds. Specific improvements at Again Street Park include replacement of the old 30+ year old shelter and renovation of the playground, storm water drainage improvements and exercise equipment. Work is expected to begin this winter as weather allows. Work will be conducted by parks and recreation staff and contract labor.

Brown Station Park currently has $33,000 in Annual Park Sales Tax funds and the $25,000 in CDBG funds will be used as a supplement to the project. The department is currently using $20,000 as a match for the CDBG funds freeing up $13,000 for some work to begin this past construction season. Specific improvements include a new playground, sidewalks, and a new gravel walking trail. Site work, grading and honeysuckle removal has begun at Brown Station. Grading work was done by contract labor and it is anticipated the playground will also be done by contract. Parks force account labor will complete the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriate $73,000 of Community Development Grant funds for Brown Station Park and Again Street Park projects. This is a maintenance improvement project so the work conducted will not greatly impact the department’s current operating budget.
VISION IMPACT:
12.1 Goal: A variety of attractive, well-maintained parks throughout Columbia-including neighborhood parks, regional parks, nature parks, and urban parks-will ensure all residents have access to a full range of outdoor and indoor recreational opportunities.

Implementation task #40: Fund and complete capital improvement program projects (parks).

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS: Approve the ordinance appropriating the funds.