

## Memorandum

To: Programs, Projects and Operations Subcommittee

Subject: City of Omaha Request – Adams Park Master Plan

Date: April 29, 2010

From: Gerry Bowen

The City of Omaha has requested financial assistance (see attached) from the District to develop a master plan for Adams Park located near 35<sup>th</sup> & Bedford. They are requesting \$40,000 to assist with the plan development.

As noted in the request letter, there is currently a great deal of interest in North Omaha, particularly Adams Park. Groups such as the Learning Community, Malcolm X Birthsite Foundation, the Empowerment Network, Activate Omaha , and the Omaha Housing Authority are working on plans in the Adams Park area.

The City Parks Department would like to develop a master plan for the park so that the efforts of these groups can be focused on a plan acceptable to the Parks Department.

The City would provide approximately \$10,000 and staff time to manage and coordinate the planning effort.

Funds would need to be included in the FY 11 Budget, if the Board approves the request.

- **It is recommended that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District partner with the City of Omaha and provide \$40,000 towards the Adams Park Master Plan Project, subject to funding in the FY 2011 Budget.**



City of Omaha  
Jim Suttle, Mayor

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April 23, 2010

Mr. John Winkler  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
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Re: Adams Park Master Plan

Dear John:

Thank you for meeting with us earlier this week to discuss the Adams Park project. As you know, this large park in north Omaha is currently at the center of a great deal of interest in the community. Groups including the Learning Community, Malcolm X Birthsite Foundation, the Empowerment Network Office, Activate Omaha and the Omaha Housing Authority are working on plans in the Adams Park area.

The City would like to take this opportunity to work with these groups and the public in developing a master plan for the park. We ask that the Papio-Missouri River NRD partner with us in this important endeavor. We are requesting \$40,000 from your Board, to go toward hiring a consultant to conduct public input workshops, a design charrette, and preliminary plans and cost estimates. The City would provide \$10,000 and staff time to manage and coordinate the project.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact me at 444-5901. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melinda Pearson", written over a horizontal line.

Melinda Pearson, Director  
Parks, Recreation and  
Public Property Department

cc: Steve Scarpello, PRPP  
Pat Slaven, PRPP



