COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Parks and Recreation	Presenter(s):	Anita Godbee
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 9, 2010	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Recreation Commission's recommendations pertaining to the placement of gates and fencing at Kenwood Park, and to discuss parking and pay stations at the park.

Background/History/Details:

On October 6, 2007, Phase I of Kenwood Park opened to the general public. Since its opening, the park has been enjoyed by many patrons. During this time, however, issues have arisen regarding vehicles entering the park after hours. Since Kenwood Park is a passive park, the Recreation Commission has recommended that an entrance gate be installed and all access points outside of the main entrance be closed off for security reasons and to keep vehicles from entering the park after hours. Options regarding the types of available gates are described in the supporting documentation.

Other security issues involving adjacent property owners have also arisen since the park opened. In order to reduce the security concerns, the Recreation Commission has recommended installing a fence alongside the park's and adjacent property owners' property lines. It should be noted that fencing in the entire park is not being recommended. Options regarding the types of available fencing are described in the supporting documentation.

The Recreation Commission is aware that parking and pay stations at Kenwood Park are ongoing issues. The Commission, therefore, is seeking formal direction from the Board of Commissioners pertaining to this issue before it proceeds further.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Recreation Commission's recommendations pertaining to the placement of gates and fencing at Kenwood Park, and for this recommendation to specify the types of gates and fences desired. Secondly, the Recreation Commission requests discussion on how to proceed with the issue of parking and pay stations at Kenwood Park.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funds are requested to come from the Parks and Recreation Department's CIP budget designated for Kenwood Park.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

TO: Fayette County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Fayette County Recreation Commission

DATE: August 25, 2010

SUB: Kenwood Park Security Gates and Fencing

On October 6, 2007, Phase I of Kenwood Park opened to the general public. Since opening, the park has been visited and enjoyed by many patrons. During this time, different issues have arisen in the park. In 2009, the Recreation Commission began discussing these issues. Since the initial discussion, the Recreation Commission has studied these issues from a broader perspective including meeting with the North Fayette Homeowners Association, reviewing practices from other Counties, performing some park studies, and analyzing the results and the implication of making any formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

After a year of analysis and review, the Recreation Commission voted at the August 10, 2010 Recreation Commission meeting to make the following recommendations:

1. Because Kenwood Park is currently considered a passive park, the Recreation Commission is recommending that an entrance gate be installed for security reasons to eliminate after hour vehicular access. To be successful in eliminating all vehicle access, all access points outside the main entrance should be closed off. The recommendation by the Recreation Commission is for security reasons after hours and not for the prevention of the use of the park during park hours. Options for main entrance gates include:
    - Automatic electrical ornamental fence with two gates going from property line to property line. Cost figure given when park was first built was $42,000.
    - Automatic electrical gates going from curb to curb at both entrance and exit points. Gates would be similar to the one at Lake Horton. Cost figure when one gate was installed at Lake Horton was $12,000. Kenwood Park would need two gates.
    - Automatic solar powered lift gates with battery back up going from curb to curb at both entrance and exit points. Cost estimate for one gate is $12,000. Kenwood Park would need two gates.
    - Basic 4' swing gates going from curb to curb at both entrance and exit points. Gates would be similar to the gate at McCurry Park Picnic Area. Cost estimate for one gate is $1,000 plus man power cost to open and close the gate everyday at sunrise and sunset. Kenwood Park would need two gates.

2. To help delineate the difference between park property and private property due to safety concerns of several of the adjacent property owners, the Recreation Commission is recommending that fencing is installed to the adjacent property owners that have these security issues. The Recreation Commission is not recommending fencing the whole park. Exact location and length of fencing will need to be determined by staff and possibly a surveyor. Options for fencing include:
    - Fencing similar to what is currently being installed at some of the Water System Property. This particular fencing is 4' tall with round wooden post and 6x6 hog wire. Cost estimate is $4.36 per linear foot.
    - 6' chain link galvanized fence with top rail. Cost estimate is $6.97 per linear foot.
    - 6' chain link black vinyl coated fence with top rail similar to fencing already at Kenwood Park. Cost estimate is $8.79 per linear foot.

The Recreation Commission is aware that parking and pay stations at Kenwood Park is still an issue. Before proceeding to make any formal recommendation concerning parking and pay stations, the Recreation Commission is seeking guidance from the Board of Commissioners on how to proceed.

Your consideration in approving these two recommendations regarding gates and fencing plus your guidance on how to proceed regarding parking and pay stations is greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Charles McCollum, Chairman
Fayette County Recreation Commission