



Legislation Text

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Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the School Board of Alachua County for Joint Use of JJ Finley Elementary School Recreation Facilities to Create JJ Finley Neighborhood Park (B)

This item approves the interlocal agreement creating a new neighborhood park as recommended in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Vision 2020 Master Plan and approved by the City Commission as a project listed on the Wild Spaces and Public Places 2018 to 2020 Project List.

The City Commission unanimously adopted the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Vision 2020 Master Plan in November, 2012. The plan identified the need to create eight new neighborhood parks spread throughout the City. One of the neighborhoods identified is the College Park area where the JJ Finley Elementary School is located.

Staff approached the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) in 2015 to determine interest in sharing facilities to create a neighborhood park open to the public in perpetuity. After receiving support from the school principal and School Board of Alachua County, presentations were made to the College Park Neighborhood Association in 2016 and 2017 to determine interest.

With local neighborhood support, staff proposed the list of projects on the 2017 Wild Spaces and Public Places (WSPP) project list to begin the design process, with funding to construct the project on the 2018 to 2020 WSPP project list. Staff then began to develop the joint use agreement creating the park.

The agreement was developed by the City Attorney's Office in coordination with the SBAC Attorney's Office and approved by the School Board in October, 2018.

Funds were allocated and approved for construction in April, 2018 as part of the WSPP 2018 to 2020 Project List. The annual operating cost will be approximately \$30,000 (.5 FTE Park Maintenance Worker 2) with a one-time capital expense of \$28,500. Funds to maintain the park will be requested during the 2020 City Budget process. WSPP funds will be used to operate and maintain the new park for as long as those funds exist.

The City Commission approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gainesville and the School Board of Alachua County for Joint Use of JJ Finley Elementary School Recreation Facilities to Create JJ Finley Neighborhood Park.