THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
STAFF REPORT

**Council Meeting Date:** March 14, 2023

**Subject:** Facility Management Agreement with Carolina Day School

**Staff Resource(s):** D Tyrell McGirt, Director Parks & Recreation
Christy Bass, Division Manager, Parks & Recreation

**Action Requested:** Adoption of the Park Facility and Management Agreement between Carolina Day School and the City Asheville for the use and maintenance of the Sgro athletic facility.

**Background**:
- Parks and Recreation athletic facilities are limited and in high demand by other user groups.
- Carolina Day School has an underutilized athletic complex.
- Carolina Day School is the owner and primary operator of the athletic complex with secondary access offered to Asheville Parks and Recreation (APR).
- The agreement gives APR access to 17.96 acres with two athletic fields, an outdoor shelter, a storage shed, a 8,900 square foot building with bathroom facilities, women's and men's locker rooms, a large community room, and parking.
- The initial term will be eight (8) years with the option of two (2) extensions of five (5) years each.
- Carolina Day School will be responsible for maintenance related to items such as turf, buildings, bathroom janitorial services, pest control, building systems, alarm and fire protection services, property infrastructure, fencing, and parking areas.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for respecting the facility during program use, and assume expenses related to lighting and electricity.
- Opportunity to provide additional athletic recreation programming and expand accessibility to adjacent historically underserved neighborhoods in South Asheville.
- Reduces competition with other athletic groups for use of a limited supply of athletic recreation facilities.
- Carolina Day School will be the primary owner and operator of the athletic complex with secondary access to the Parks and Recreation Department.

**Vendor Outreach Efforts:**
- None

**Council Goal(s):**
- Improve and Expand Core Services

**Committee(s)**:
- None

**Pro(s):**
- Establishes a new school partnership.
- Increases recreational athletic programs to more participants.
- Enhances recreation athletic program opportunities in South Asheville.
- The agreement will not impact existing user group access to City athletic facilities.

**Con(s):**
- None

**Fiscal Impact**:
- Per the agreement, the City will pay electricity and other costs estimated at $9,500 annually. Funding for this agreement is available in the Parks and Recreation operating budget.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Park Facility and Management Agreement with Carolina Day School for the use and maintenance of the Sgro athletic facility.

**Attachment(s)**

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PARK FACILITY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CAROLINA DAY SCHOOL FOR THE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SGRO ATHLETIC SPORTS COMPLEX

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to160A-353 to provide, acquire, construct, equip,operate and maintain parks, recreation centers and recreation facilities and to appropriate funds to carry out such provisions; and

WHEREAS, The Carolina Day School owns the Sgro Athletic Complex property located at 2351 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28803 which includes an underutilized athletic facility that includes a restroom and locker room building and turf field; and

WHEREAS, the City Parks and Recreation Department and Carolina Day School desire to enter into a partnership whereby the City may make use of the Sgro Athletic Complex in order to provide much needed additional athletic recreation programming and expand accessibility to adjacent historically underserved neighborhoods in South Asheville; and

WHEREAS, a facility maintenance and management agreement with Carolina Day School is necessary to establish the responsibilities of each party related to the use & maintenance of the Sgro athletic sports complex; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement, Carolina Day will be the primary owner and operator of the athletic complex and the City's Parks and Recreation Department will have secondary use and access of the facility on a daily basis. The City will pay electricity and other costs related to its use of the facility, estimated at approximately $9,500 annually. Funding for this agreement is available in the Parks and Recreation operating budget; and

WHEREAS, such a agreement is beneficial to both parties because it allows the Parks and Recreation department, which has limited athletic facilities, to increase its ability to serve the recreational needs of the public and it allows Carolina Day School to have a partner in the maintenance and operation of its complex;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Park Facility and Management and License Agreement with Carolina Day School for the shared use and maintenance of the Sgro athletic sports complex for expanded public recreation programs.

Read, approved and adopted this the 14th day of March, 2023.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney