THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Buncombe County Board of Education regarding the use & maintenance of Irby Brinson Sports Complex at Valley Springs Middle School

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt , Director, Parks and Recreation
Pete Wall, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County Board of Education regarding the use and maintenance of Irby Brinson Sports Complex at Valley Springs Middle School

Background:

- The Irby Brinson sports complex at Valley Springs Middle School is owned by the Buncombe County Board of Education.
- Previously the City entered into an agreement with the Buncombe County Board of Education to construct the Irby Brinson Sports Complex.
- Since the construction the property and existing site improvements have been used exclusively for recreational purposes by the school and the City Parks & Recreation Department.
- The park is needed for youth athletic programming activities serving South Asheville.
- This agreement is beneficial to the Parks and Recreation Department because it allows the department to continue to support youth recreation sports, specifically baseball, softball, t-ball, and youth football.
- The previous agreement expired in June 2022, and the City approached Buncombe County Board of Education expressing interest in renewing the agreement for 1 (one) year with the option for 2 (two) years extension.
- Buncombe County Board of Education is agreeable to the extension.
- Existing terms of the agreement will continue, such as the City's commitment to maintain the facilities, make any necessary repairs, and cover utility costs.
- The City shall maintain adequate property & casualty insurances for any use of the facility.

Council Goal(s)

- A Well Planned and Livable Community
- A Clean and Healthy Environment

Pro(s):

- Establishes the expectations for the responsibility of the City as they relate to the use & maintenance of the sports complex at Valley Springs Middle School. .
- Supports City Council's FY 2022-23 Neighborhood Resilience and Improve and Expand Core Services priorities through partnership with the Buncombe County Board of Education

Con(s):

- The agreement commits the City to costs to maintain the facility during its programmed use.
- Places liability on the City during its programmed use.

Fiscal Impact:

- Any maintenance of this facility will be funded from within the existing Parks & Recreation operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute to enter into an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County Board of Education regarding the use & maintenance of Irby Brinson Sports Complex at Valley Springs Middle School

Attachment(s)

- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE USE & MAINTENANCE OF IRBY BRINSON SPORTS COMPLEX AT VALLEY SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL_____

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-461, units of local government may enter into agreements with each other in order to jointly exercise any power or function of local government; and

WHEREAS,The Buncombe County Board of Education owns the Valley Springs Middle School property located at 224 Long Shoals Rd, Arden, NC 28704; and

WHEREAS, an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County Board of Education is necessary to establish the responsibilities of each party related to the , use, & maintenance of the sports complex at Valley Springs Middle School; and

WHEREAS, such an interlocal agreement is beneficial because it allows the Parks and Recreation department to continue to support youth recreation sports, specifically baseball, softball, t-ball, and youth football; and

WHEREAS, both the Board of Education and the City of Asheville would like to enter into an interlocal agreement for one year, with and option for an additional two year term; and

WHEREAS, funding for the maintenance of Irby Brinson Sports Complex will be provided from the annual Parks & Recreation operating budget;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement with Buncombe County Board of Education regarding the use and maintenance of Irby Brinson Sports Complex at Valley Springs Middle School.

Read, approved and adopted this 13th day of December 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney