

**CITY OF JOPLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM

Council Bill 2020-602: authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a first amendment to memorandum of understanding with the Wildcat Glades Friends Group, a Missouri Nonprofit Corporation (“Friends Group”) for the purpose of establishing responsibilities in maintaining and operating Wildcat Park.

MEETING DATE

January 21, 2020

ORIGINATING DEPT

Parks

ATTACHMENTS

CB2020-602 Ordinance; Exhibit A: City-Friends Group Amendment to MOU; Exhibit B: City-Friends Group MOU

REVIEWED BY

Dept. Head: Paul Bloomberg; City Attorney: Peter Edwards; Interim City Manager: Dan Pekarek

SUMMARY

This Council Bill authorizes the City to enter into a first amendment to MOU with the Friends Group for the purpose of establishing responsibilities in maintaining and operating Wildcat Park.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the City, MDC, and Friends Group entered into a series of MOUs concerning Wildcat Park. Although the Friends Group shares space with MDC, the Friends Group has discovered that it regularly has scheduling conflicts with MDC. Similarly, the Friends Group has found that it does not have sufficient work space for its volunteers. Accordingly, the Friends Group desires to construct an education cottage consistent with the drawings attached hereto. The Friends Group is solely responsible for the cost of any such improvements, including construction, maintenance, repair, and operational costs after completion. At no cost to City, any such improvements, including fixtures, shall become City’s property when this Agreement is terminated. In the alternative, at no cost to City, City may require the Friends Group to demolish and remove any such improvements when this Agreement is terminated, to be completed within one (1) year of termination.

FUNDING SOURCE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of this Council Bill on a non-emergency basis.