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RESOLUTION NO.: R-2025-016

Adopting the Parks and Recreation Department's 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department engaged Weston & Sampson to develop a comprehensive plan identifying current and future community needs for recreation programming, parks, greenways, and recreational facilities;

WHEREAS, the plan will provide a framework for future development or redevelopment of the parks and recreation system over the next ten years and serve as a road map for policy development concerning location, park usage, resource allocation and levels of service;

WHEREAS, the Master Plan was developed through an extensive public engagement process, including focus group meetings, community input sessions, and surveys targeting youth and teens, ensuring that the diverse needs and preferences of the community were thoroughly considered;

WHEREAS, the adoption and implementation of the 10-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan will contribute to the health, well-being, and quality of life of Columbia's residents by providing accessible, safe, and well-maintained recreational facilities and programs;

WHEREAS, public presentations of the findings and initial recommendations were presented to the community during October and November 2024;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2025, the final recommendations, goals, and action plan were presented to Columbia City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia this 15th day of April, 2025 that City Council adopts the Parks and Recreation 10-Year Master Plan and commits to its implementation to enhance the city's recreational infrastructure and services for the benefit of all residents.

Requested by:

Assistant City Manager Simons



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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