

City Council Introduction: November 7, 2016

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FACTSHEET

TITLE: Operating Agreement for Lincoln Children's Zoo

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee, Urban Design Committee

APPLICANT: Parks and Recreation Dept.

RECOMMENDATION: See discussion below

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED: None

SPONSOR: Parks and Recreation Dept.

OPPONENTS:

REASON FOR LEGISLATION

Approval of an Operating Agreement for the Lincoln Children's Zoo, governing the lease of both the current and expanded footprint of the Zoo, together with the Science Focus Program known as the "Zoo School" operated by Lincoln Public Schools on an area generally bounded by 27th Street, Normal Boulevard, and "A" Streets.

DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

This is a 50-year operating agreement with the Lincoln Children's Zoo that is a companion document to the construction and lease agreement. Together, the two agreements will supersede Chapter 12.36 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, which is proposed to be repealed. The agreement addresses the Zoo's fees, revenues and donations, hours of operation, and utilities. It also addresses operation and maintenance, including the coordination of maintenance activities and snow removal between the Zoo and the City for facilities primarily on the Antelope Park Triangle. Under this agreement, the Zoo will have title to all animals, exhibits and buildings acquired by LCZ. If the Zoo would cease to operate, title to all property would revert to the City. The City will have the ability to review signage and a plan for naming rights. The agreement provides for limited use of Zoo facilities by the City in coordination with LCZ. The agreement provides the ability of LCZ to enter into an agreement or sublease with LPS. A \$500,000 permanent Capital Repair and Replacement Endowment and insurance are required.

Additional information relating to the Zoo's use of City facilities and the public process for development of the Zoo's master plan is included on the fact sheet for the construction and lease agreement.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: ___ Yes No

The Lincoln Children's Zoo has been operating on the Antelope Park Triangle for over 50 years, and was previously operated as a City Zoo. Accommodating the expansion will allow LCZ to continue to be sustainable into the future.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Relocation of the Parks and Recreation administration and Lincoln Parks Foundation offices to 3140 'N' Street.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$16 million, based upon a private fundraising goal of the Lincoln Children's Zoo

RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS: Private

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: \$0

NON CITY: \$0

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