

**City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form**

**2022-0076**

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City Council Meeting Date - Agenda Item Only  
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Byron Humphry

1/25/2022

PARKS & RECREATION (520)

**Submitted By**

**Submitted Date**

**Division / Department**

**Action Recommendation:**

Approval of a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$29,500 to remove vegetation and clean trash from the former Safe Camp location.

**Budget Impact:**

1010.090.6600-5315.00	General Fund
Account Number	Fund
22006.1	Safe Camp Cleanup - 7Hills
Project Number	Project Title
<b>Budgeted Item?</b> <u>No</u>	Current Budget \$ -
	Funds Obligated \$ -
	Current Balance <b>\$ -</b>
<b>Does item have a cost?</b> <u>Yes</u>	Item Cost \$ 29,500.00
<b>Budget Adjustment Attached?</b> <u>Yes</u>	Budget Adjustment \$ 29,500.00
	Remaining Budget <b>\$ -</b>

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**Purchase Order Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Ordinance or Resolution #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Change Order Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Contract Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**



**MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THRU:** Susan Norton, Chief of Staff  
Chris Brown, Public Works Director  
Terry Gulley, Assistant Public Works Director

**FROM:** Byron Humphry, Park Maintenance Superintendent

**DATE:** January 26, 2022

**SUBJECT: Approval of a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$29,500 to remove vegetation and clean trash from the former Safe Camp location.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$29,500 to remove vegetation and clean trash from the former Safe Camp location.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 16, 2001, the City of Fayetteville purchased about 19 acres of land south of Huntsville Road. The City entered into a 99-year lease agreement with Seven Hills Homeless Center for about 3.5 acres of this property for the current facility that is there today. In 2008, there were plans to sell the remaining portion of the property to Habitat for Humanity which included the City dedicating 3.5 acres of the property as park land. The Park land was dedicated but the plans to sell and develop the property never materialized and the property has remained in City ownership.

In 2020, as a response to the Covid pandemic, a Safe Camp was established on the property to promote public health by providing a temporary location where unsheltered individuals could camp during the coronavirus pandemic, limiting the mobility typically required to receive essential services to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The goal of the project was to provide a space where unsheltered homeless persons could safely shelter in place, self-isolate if / when needed, and prevent the spread of coronavirus within the unsheltered population and the community at large. Shower and restroom facilities were provided along with social service needs. The camp was available for up to 50 camps that were spread out over the property to allow for ample social distancing. The Safe Camp closed in October of 2021.

**DISCUSSION:**

The entire property was historically maintained as a field, and when the plans to sell the property never materialized, the property ceased to be mowed around 2010 and was allowed to return to a natural state. The existing vegetation was evaluated by the Urban Forester and found that there is one significant tree located in the SE corner of the property and a few Willow

trees around a pond. The remaining vegetation is dominated by invasive species including Bradford Pear, Eastern Red Cedar, Honey Locust, Black Locust, Privet, and Bush Honeysuckle.

With the closure of the safe camp, there remains a substantial amount of trash dispersed across the property. The invasive vegetation on the property makes it extremely difficult to access the trash for removal and makes it extremely difficult to monitor the property for illegal camps and activity. Quotes were received to mulch the unwanted invasive vegetation and return the property to a field that can be mowed and easily maintained and monitored. Real Property Services, LLC provided the lowest quote of \$29,500.

**BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:**

This BA will move funds (\$29,500) from the General Fund fund-balance into a contract services account to hire the contractor. Staff will coordinate with the contractor and will allow the contractor to dispose of trash collected at no charge.

**Attachments:**

Budget Adjustment