

AGENDA REPORT

DATE February 21, 2006

ITEM Sun River Skeet Club Lease

INITIATED BY Sun River Skeet Club

ACTION REQUESTED Approve Lease

PREPARED & PRESENTED BY Patty Rearden, Interim Park & Recreation Director

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission conduct a public hearing and barring sufficient protest approve the lease with the Sun River Skeet Club.

MOTION:

“I move the City Commission approve a two year lease of a portion of Wadsworth Park with the Sun River Skeet Club.”

SYNOPSIS:

As required by Title 3, Chapter 12, OCCGF, before final consideration of lease of City property, the City Commission shall hold a public hearing to receive comment regarding such a lease.

The Sun River Skeet Club has requested the City continue their lease of Wadsworth Park. The two year lease includes an increase in fee for Area E from \$300/year to \$450/year. Lease is for two (2) years with no renewal clause. This lease will conclude after two years due to the current area of impact being in conflict with other park uses and requires the Sun River Skeet Club to relocate its facility at the conclusion of the term of this lease. It is recommended in the lease that the Club continue to be proactive in developing new facilities at the Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex.

BACKGROUND:

In 1998 the City Commission approved Resolution 9873, Wadsworth Park Master Plan. It was recommended at that time that “The Sun River Skeet Club will be allowed to continue their existing lease (expires September 5, 2000) and if requested, will be granted a three (3) year extension. After that time, a lease could be granted annually, at the discretion of the City. Eventually, the Sun River Skeet Club will be required to relocate its facility. It is recommended that the Skeet Club be proactive in their pursuit of alternate facility locations. The Skeet Club’s current area of impact is in conflict with other park uses, as determined by observed shot fall north of the levee. Because of this, it is necessary that the Skeet Club be relocated.”

On September 5, 1995, the City Commission approved a five (5) year lease. On September 2000, the City Commission renewed the existing lease on a year to year basis up to a maximum of five (5) years.

With proposed improvements to Wadsworth Park it is recommended that the lease be awarded for two years, with no renewal clause. The Park and Recreation board approved the two (2) year renewal at its September 21, 2005 board meeting.