

COUNCIL ACTION FORM**SUBJECT:** **BROOKSIDE PARK PATH LIGHTING PROJECT****BACKGROUND:**

This project includes the installation of path lighting adjacent to the shared use paths in Brookside Park. The paths include the path that runs from 6th St. to 13th St., the path that enters the park from the east on Ridgewood Ave., and the path that enters the southeast corner of the park at Ridgewood Ave. and 6th St. The shared use path system is an integral part of improving mobility and connectivity through Ames and the lighting will assist in increasing safety since the park is heavily populated with trees, which restrict the light from getting into the park. The project is expected to be completed in 2018.

KCL Engineering, West Des Moines, Iowa, was hired to develop specifications, prepare a cost estimate, and provide project management for the lighting project. City Council approved \$150,000 as part of the FY 2016/17 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). The engineer's cost estimate exceeds the project budget by \$2,075. The removal of the baseball diamond at North River Valley Park resulted in cost savings of \$15,024 and these funds can be used to cover the cost difference should it be needed. Project details and costs are as follows:

Engineer's Estimate:

Lighting installation	\$ 140,250
Contingency 3%	\$ 3,825
Design Fees	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
Total Estimate	\$ 152,075

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Plans and Specifications for the Brookside Park Path Lighting Project and set the bid due date for March 14, 2018 and March 27, 2018 as the date of public hearing.
2. Do not approve the plans and specifications at this time, delaying the Brookside Park Path Lighting Project.
3. Refer back to staff to modify the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

3. The proposed project is an important addition to Brookside Park, because it

alleviates safety concerns regarding how dark it gets during certain times of the year due to the tree canopy. Also, it encourages pedestrians and bicyclists to use the park as a safe connection route instead of using a lighted roadway. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt Alternative #1 approving Plans and Specifications for the Brookside Park Path Lighting Project and setting the bid due date for March 14, 2018 and March 27, 2018 as the date of public hearing.