

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ITEM NO. C(7)**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT  
MEETING DATE: November 20, 2007**

**TITLE: A Resolution of Appreciation and Budget Amendment for Donated Funds to Purchase and Install Tennis Backboards at Anderson and Wilson Parks**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Recreation and Parks	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> NO
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. Budget Amendment	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Anita Jones-McNair – 918-7381 Susan Stone – 541-1146

**PURPOSE**

The Recreation and Parks Department requests that the Board of Aldermen consider adopting a resolution of appreciation to the Carrboro Parks Project (CPP) for their donation (\$7,000) to install tennis backboards for Anderson and Wilson Park Tennis Courts. The CPP anticipates raising the entire amount soon; however they may need up to \$500 before the end of the year so that the boards can be purchased and installed. The grant funds received should be used by the end of the year. The Recreation and Parks Department has identified sufficient funds of up to \$500 to assist with the purchase, should it be necessary. Also, the Board is asked to consider adopting the related budget amendment.

**INFORMATION**

The CPP initially volunteered to raise funds to purchase and install a 3-panel tennis backboard at the Wilson Park tennis courts. The Board authorized the CPP to proceed with this fundraising project on April 4, 2006. Once the CPP started fundraising efforts and reviewed various options, they decided to raise funds for 4-panel backboards measuring a total of 10' high by 16' wide for both the Wilson Park and the Anderson Park tennis courts. The total cost of the project is \$7467.

Various fundraising opportunities were implemented for this project. The CPP received two grants of \$1,000 each from the Strowd-Roses Foundation and the Durham Orange Chatham Tennis Association (DOCTA). Community events, including two After Hours Events at Weaver Street Market and group tennis lessons at Wilson Park, raised another \$1,700. Two direct mailings and word-of-mouth solicitations resulted in donations ranging from \$10 to \$200 for a total of approximately \$3,300. The breakdown of funds to this point is as follows (\$7,000): \$2,000 grants; \$1,700 community events; \$ 3,300 individual donations, total \$7,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This project may require up to \$500 from the Recreation and Parks Budget. However, the CPP intends to fully fund backboards at both parks.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board accept this donation for the tennis backboards for Anderson and Wilson Park Tennis Courts and adopt the resolution and budget amendment.

