

John Burch Park Supporters Presentation

PURPOSE: To update new and returning members of the CF City Council about the Improvement Projects at John Burch Park, as well as get a resolution from the council to apply for bonding bill funds from Minnesota Legislature again.

I. HISTORY:

2021 –

1. We presented the improvements needed at JBP to the Park Board and CF City Council
 - a. Slide Show (Wall, seating, pressbox, bathrooms, dugouts, goal posts, concessions, etc)
 - b. Why Fix the wall? (poster board)
 - c. Why Fix the seating? (poster board)
2. Park Board saw the renderings of the proposed improvements
 - a. Proposed Solution (poster board)
 - b. Regional Impact (poster board)
 - c. Third Base side portion of the improvements (renderings in fundraising documents)
3. Barb Haley authored a request and submitted to the bonding bill in MN legislature for the Wall Project.

Funding breakdown

\$469,000 Bonding Bill

\$328,000 City of Cannon Falls

\$141,000 John Burch Park Supporters

\$938,000 TOTAL PROJECT COST

Memorandum from Neil Jensen Adopted Sept. 7, 2021

4. Presented the Wall Project to legislators on the “Bus Tour” Nov. 10, 2021

2022 –

1. The Bonding Bill was not voted on by the legislature. So, we are back to square one, needing authors, applications, etc for the 2023 legislative session.
2. We went to work on plans for the Third base side of the project, since we didn’t need to wait for state dollars.
3. Fundraising efforts continued.

2023 –

1. Jan 5 We presented to the CF Park Board. Representative Altendorf and Senator Drazkowski were present. They showed full support, and offered suggestions to get it passed. Suggestions (get multiple signatures, get democratic support, update cost numbers). The Park Board approved taking the next step to the City Council.
2. Jan 17 Present to CF City Council

3. Pam Altendorf and Steve Drazkowski will author the bill and pursue getting us funds through the bonding process.

II. FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Funding goal: \$1,500,000 (hoping for \$469,000 from MN, and \$328,000 from City of CF)

Currently in the bank: \$200,000

Pledged over the next four – five years: \$464,000

III. PROJECT UPDATE:

1. Demolition of third base dugout June 1.
2. Begin building new dugout/storage/deck/bathrooms/concession-or press box summer 2023.
3. Begin wall reconstruction after we secure state funding.

IV. HELP WE NEED:

1. Resolution from CF City Council to submit the bond request.

Luke's Power point presentation link below:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GcudYPEXh0L3vJB1jqeeJ9S2jFZIUy76/edit#slide=id.p12>