



## City of Gainesville Agenda Report

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**File #:** 2023-03

**Agenda Date:** January 5, 2023

**Department:** Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

**Title:** 2023-03 Interlocal Agreement with the School Board of Alachua County for Joint Use of Lincoln Park (B)

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**Description:** Renewal of long-standing Agreement to allow public use of Lincoln Middle School's park during after-school hours.

**Fiscal Note:** No funding is being requested. Maintenance expenses associated with the City's use of Lincoln Park are budgeted through the General Fund.

**Explanation:**

In January, 1980, the City of Gainesville entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) to share the use of the park at Lincoln Middle School. The School Board manages the park during regular school days and times, and the City's Park Operations Division of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) manages and maintains a section of the park for public use during times when school is not in session.

The Agreement was scheduled to expire after twenty-five years, but the relationship was so congenial in 2005 that no one thought to renew it, although joint use of the park has continued to the present. It is in the best interest of both agencies, however, to have a current, fully-executed Agreement to oversee the relationship.

City staff have worked with SBAC to draft the Agreement, which has been reviewed and approved by the Legal Departments of both agencies. The new Agreement term is twenty-five years

**Strategic Connection:**

Goal 1: Equitable Community

Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience

**Recommendation:** The City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign and the City Clerk to attest the renewed Interlocal Agreement with the School Board of Alachua County for joint use of Lincoln Park, subject to the approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.