

## RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

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| Date Received: Received By:  |       |
| ection I – Applicant Information   |       |
| pplicant/Organization Name: Friends of DKM Disc Golf and the Friends of DeKalb Memorial Park   |       |
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| ection II - Project Information  |       |
| oposed Project Description (use additional pages if necessary): Friends of DKM Disc Golf and the Friends of eKalb Memorial Park would like to propose the installation of a new disc golf course. See attached proposal for more   | <br>e |
| formation on previous steps taken to get to this point and what the group will offer in terms of maintenance and   |       |
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| cluded with Proposal:  Shop Drawings  Prints  Photos  Samples  Letter(s) of Support  Change Request  Initial Proposal (if applicable)  emized Listing of All Attachments:  |       |
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| urpose of Proposal:  |       |
| Returned Data Revisions FYI/No Action  |       |
| this project specifically identified in the Department's Comprehensive Master Plan?   Yes No  No  not, please identify what community needs this proposal addresses:  he disc golf course will also be included in the park's upcoming visioning plan conducted by Park Pride and the Coun | nty   |
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| ave all other permitting requirements been identified and approved?   Yes   No   |       |
| ection III - Authorized Signatures   |       |
| oplicant Signature: Date:  |       |
| Director   |       |
| Greenspace Manager  Yes  No Review/Comment   |       |
| Parks Manager  Yes  No Review/Comment  |       |
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TO: Daniel Dart, LEED GA, CPRP, CPSI, Park Planning Lead

FROM: Ryan Marosy

**SUBJECT:** DeKalb Memorial Disc Golf Course

## DEKALB MEMORIAL DISC GOLF COURSE PROPOSAL

Friends of DKM Disc Golf in association with the Friends of Dekalb Memorial Park would formally like to request approval to move forward with the installation of a new public disc golf course in and along the unused areas of the park by donating the time, labor, and materials necessary to make the project a reality.

The process of planning for this new course has been a year in the making by thoroughly vetting the course layout with community members and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs staff as well as making sure we are not on school property with the completion of boundary marking. Community input and support has been garnered through two community meeting sessions and multiple onsite walks and discussions in which the disc golf group, the Friends Group, and RPCA staff, located, hand cleared, and flagged tee locations, course routes, and pin locations for better visualization. (A map of the park with the course layout, baskets, and tee pad typical is attached). The group as a whole made sure to locate all course holes away from existing and planned elements (possible Path trail) as to minimize conflict.

After completing the above process Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs purchased the baskets and signage for the course, but met a shortfall in funding when it came to the installation. Friends of DKM Disc Golf would like to donate the installation of the tee pads, course signage, and baskets as well as brush clearing, and light grading. We have estimated the donated cost of these services to be approximately \$25,000. The group would donate the installation on the front end and then raise funds through a donation campaign to recoup some of the material installation costs and establish a fund with the Friends Group for minor maintenance of the course such as replacing broken signs, mulching, and hosting volunteer cleanups.

Friends of DKM Disc Golf has a committed group of volunteers and a network of contacts in the area. Without having installed the first basket DeKalb Memorial will already have a core group of seven volunteers along with the Friends Group at the ready to make this project a success in the near and long term. Having built several other courses, the closest of which is Perkerson Park for the City of Atlanta, the group has the expertise and commitment to make disc golf available to everyone. Disc golf courses in general have a way of alleviating parks with security issues through the presence of more eyes and active park users.

The disc golf group would be responsible for the following upon approval:

- 1. Cultivate a volunteer base via coordinated volunteer days and delegate responsibilities through a mixture of Hole Adopters and At-Large Volunteers (all signage/sponsors would be approved by RPCA).
- 2. Communicate volunteer days via social media (Facebook, Discgolfscene) and a kiosk that posts volunteer dates.
- 3. Encourage a "self-maintenance" attitude with regular disc golfers via packing it in, packing it out and picking up trash as they play via postings on the kiosk and social media.
- 4. Once the course is installed, start a Disc Golf League as a means to draw more disc golfers to the park and use it as a forum to encourage volunteerism and generate maintenance funds.
- 5. Installing the course at the direction of Parks staff using RPCA best practices and standards.

There is no better driver of volunteerism than actually installing a disc golf course!



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