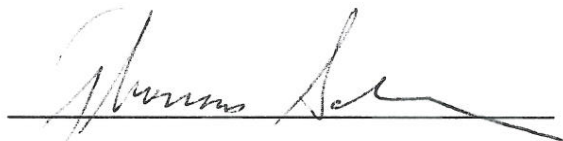


**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORISSANT CITY COUNCIL
Providing Support, Encouragement and Park Land
for an all Inclusive, Accessible Playground**

- WHEREAS: Children with disabilities spend most of their time indoors in clinical settings with parents, doctors, nurses, and therapists, and can not take part in activities on conventional playground equipment, and
- WHEREAS: It is important for children with disabilities to have a place to play with other children that will stimulate their physical and emotional needs, and
- WHEREAS: Able-bodied children will also learn and grow by interacting with others who are in some ways different from them, so that social barriers can be broken and all will learn to respect and understand each other, and
- WHEREAS: Parents and grandparents with mobility issues have a difficult time navigating traditional playgrounds to play with their children and grandchildren, and
- WHEREAS: Gary Behlmann, a life long resident of Florissant and Chairman of the Florissant Disability Awareness Commission has been involved with and concerned for the betterment of the lives of people with disabilities for the past twenty years, and
- WHEREAS: Under the leadership of Gary Behlmann, residents of the City of Florissant have come together to form a not-for-profit corporation to raise the funds necessary to bring an accessible park to the City of Florissant, and
- WHEREAS: Mayor Robert G. Lowery, Sr. and the Florissant City Council wish to make it known they fully support the efforts of the citizens to bring an accessible park to the City of Florissant, and
- WHEREAS: Mayor Robert G. Lowery Sr. and the Florissant City Council are committed to providing the park land for an accessible park,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORISSANT, to support and encourage the placement of and to provide park land for an accessible park in the City of Florissant.

Passed and resolved this 24th of November, 2008


Thomas Schneider
President of the Council

ATTEST:


Karen Goodwin, City Clerk