

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 6, 2023

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:22 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

William Oliver
Joshua Bain
Crista Carlino
Jason Larrison
Kristin Jones
Jessica McCormick
Vop Osili
Keith Potts

Absent Members

Paul Annee
Brian Mowery

PROPOSAL NO. 103, 2023 - approves an additional appropriation of \$3,000,000 in the 2023 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Federal Grants Fund) to finance infrastructure improvements at Graham Edward Martin Park, for afterschool physical education enrichment programming, and for arts and environmental education access programming, as awarded by Federal 2023 Community Project funding

“Do Pass”

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 104, 2023 - authorizes the City Controller to make a public purpose grant in the amount of \$107,650 to the Arts Council of Indianapolis for the public arts grants program

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Chair William Oliver, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with the following members in attendance., Joshua Bain, Crista Carlino, Kristin Jones, Jason Larrison, Jessica McCormick, Vop Osili, and Keith Potts. Paul Annee and Brian Mowery were absent. LeAnnette Pierce, General Counsel represented staff.

Director Boyd gave a brief update. Below are a few key points.

- Bethel Park has been renamed to Stanley Strader Park
- The multi-purpose field at Tarkington Park will now be known as Richard “Coach Nell” Hamilton Field
- Annual April 4th Commemoration at Fr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Current Frederick Douglas center will close on April 15, 2023, to prepare for demolition, construction due to be completed by the end of the year.
- 100s of jobs available for lifeguard, day camp counselors, food program coordinators, facility attendants and more. Applicants can receive a \$250 sign on bonus if they apply and complete all training before May 5, 2023.

Eli Lilly donated 80 M to the parks and below is a summary of some of the work that will be done at the parks.

- 42 parks affected
- 43 projects
- 18 playground improvements
- Splash pads
- Concession pavilion
- Comfort stations

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Ken Clark Controller gave an overview of the fiscal package. Following are a few key points;

Two --term Funding Priorities

Anti-violence

Youth Respite Center

- Expansion of Summer in the City programming
- Community grants to combat substance abuse
- Mental health programming
- Homeless Continuum of Care programming including master leasing

Neighborhood Investments

- Rental assistance for tenants facing eviction
- Creation of quality affordable housing
- Reconnecting Communities Federal Matching Grant
- Annual investment in Capital Improvement Plan
- Arts programming

Government Services

- Youth and Family Services
- Coroner's Facility & Forensics
- Frederick Douglass Park

Proposal 103 –Programs & Source

- \$ 3 million in federal funds, secured by Congressman Carson
- Arts & Environmental Education Programming: \$1 million
- Youth Sports Programming: \$1 million
- Graham Edward Martin Park Improvements: \$1 million

Councillor Potts thanked Congressman Andre Carson for helping secure the funds for these really important programs.

Councillor McCormick moved, seconded by Councillor Carlino, to send Proposal No. 103, 2023 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

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Julia Moore, Indy Arts Council, Director Public Arts gave a brief overview. Following are a few key points:

About the Public Art for Neighborhoods (PAFN) Fund

- Special-purpose City fund

- Authorized by Ch. 174 of City Code
- \$ are incoming from developers—
not taxpayer \$
- Paid to meet Public Art for Neighborhoods requirement
(1% of incentive amount if project is in TIF district)
- Cannot be used for any other purpose than making arts grants through the Indy Arts Council, per Ch. 174
- Awards recommended by appointed PAFN Selection Committee (per Ch.174)

About the PAFN Community Connections Grants

- First round was in 2020-2021
- \$50,000 appropriated from PAFN Fund
- Intended to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and fight for racial justice on the neighborhood level—special focus
- No match required
- 22 awards / \$49,610 granted by 6/30/21
- Max award \$2,500; average award \$2,255
- 65% of funds went to creatives as artist fees
- 15% of funds were spent with local businesses

Diversity of the 2020-21 PAFN Community Connections Grants

- **Per ordinance:** 52% of funds for projects in low-income neighborhoods (50% min.)
- 12 Council districts served
- 59% (13) awarded to BIPOC-led projects
- 62% of funds (\$41,200) supported BIPOC-led projects
- **Exceeded minimum goal of proportional representation (47% BIPOC)**

Current Request: \$107,650 for 2023-2024 Grant Program

- **Launch in September 2023**
- Guidelines and application in English and Spanish—did not do in Spanish last round
 - Support for Spanish-only awardees will be provided
- Max award \$5,000 (double previous)
- No special theme/purpose
- As in previous round: purpose is to support artists and communities working together on communities' arts goals
 - Either artist or community can apply
 - Must document support from the other as part of application

- Public Art for All Census: **prioritize “public art deserts” for awards**
- Will acknowledge City of Indianapolis as source of funds

Councillor Potts asked about outlets to connecting artis to neighborhood. Ms. Moore stated that she is available to help them connect and there is also an artist directory on their website.

Councillor Oliver asked if they were responsible for the public arts downtown. She stated that they are only responsible for some of the art downtown, she stated that they are responsible for bicentennial legions murals.

Councillor Carlino moved, seconded by Councillor McCormick, to send Proposal No. 104, 2023 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Councilor Oliver asked for an update on the opening of pools this summer. Director Boyd stated that they have started de-winterizing them and she hopes that there are no surprises. She stated that it is their plan to open as many pools as possible this summer.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William 'Duke' Oliver".

William Oliver, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee

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