

Allentown

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Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, June 1, 2016 6:30 PM Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chairperson Mota, Councilpersons Affa and O'Connell

Discussion: Resolutions will be introduced and voted on this evening.

15-895 R107 Parks and Rec, this evening

Authorization for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant Submission in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for MLK Trail Development Project.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: R107 GTRP MLK Trail

GTRP 2- MLK Trail

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it authorizes the Grant Submission Application to DCED Greenways Trail. The grant request is for \$250,000.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked any questions from the dais.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked Ms. Taylor to go back to that 15 percent. Do we have to put it up?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that our match is 15 percent. The grant will be for 85 percent of the estimated project cost.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked any other questions from the dais or the public. She asked the estimated completion for this project and how many phases will it have.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that they don't know when the grant will be announced. It may be late 2016. There are pieces of the puzzle. There will be at least four or five if we go all the way down to the Parkettes.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked if there is an actual site plan or a map that the public can see. He asked about Trout Creek Park and what is the boundary from the water to the grassy area.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that they have the Connecting Our Communities

Plan that was completed in 2012 that has the general layout from Hamilton to the Parkettes. That Plan is public and the executive summary is online.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked if there were any changes.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the trail was not designed in 2012. It was an idea and opportunity to lay out what is possible. It will be a transparent design process brought forward. It will be brought before City Council so that the public will have the opportunity to comment on it.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated that he believes there were maps of the actual plan showing it. He asked for a copy of the maps.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that there are maps.

Mr. Ken Laudenslager, 721 W. Cumberland Street, stated that he believes the trail follows the railroad right-a-way. He asked how much detail for this grant as far as construction.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that it is not a design. It is a concept plan.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it is going to come in front of Council and the public will be able to have input. She asked any other questions.

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Resolution be moved to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa and Ray O'Connell

Enactment No: 29276

15-896 R108 Parks and Rec, this evening

Authorization for Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant Submission in the amount of \$85,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Incinerator Site Planning Project

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: R108 GTRP Incinerator Site Planning

Memo - R108- Incinerator Site Master Plan

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the incinerator site has been brought up many times before. What we want to do is move that forward with an economic development component. The total is 28 acres and approximately six to seven acres of the site that is buildable for light industrial with an option of rail continuing. ACIDA's goal is to bring rail to that site as well. It gives the city an opportunity of linking Center City and various parts of the city with the trails. They want to do an environmental assessment of the site to see what is possible there.

Ms. Cynthia Mota thanked Ms. Taylor and asked any questions from the dais.

Mr. Julio Guridy asked Ms. Taylor if she wants to do a study. There are a number of small businesses closer to the east. Does the six or seven acres include that land?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that the six or seven acres are determined to be buildable. There are limits to what can be put there. She stated no it does not. It is like a donut in the middle.

Ms. Cynthia Mota asked what do you mean with limits. She asked about the six or seven acres. What is in mind and what are the limitations?

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that is a process that we have yet to go through. ACIDA has been putting pieces together to develop that site for awhile.

Mr. Glenn Hunsicker asked how many more acres of the city's Parks and Recreation with these plans add to.

Ms. Lindsay Taylor stated that she believes the acreage approaches 2,000 and it will increase by 28.

Mr. Tom Hahn asked if they could elaborate a little bit on the properties that are there now and which ones that you turn off of Basin Street towards Harrison Street.

Mr. Julio Guridy stated it is on 3rd Street. You are on Basin Street across from the American Parkway dealership.

Mr. Daryl Hendricks stated 3rd and Union Streets. It will be the southwest corner.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that it makes sense Mr. Hahn. We will make sure that we will provide it for you next time. She asked any other questions.

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Resolution be be moved to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Cynthia Mota, Candida Affa and Ray O'Connell

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Adjournment: 6:48 PM