



Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Santos, Affa

[15-7471](#)

Bill 11

Amending the 2025 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$175,000.00) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to support design of MLK Trail Phase 2 (LP East to Cedar Park).

Attachments: [Bill 11 MLK Trail Phase 2 DCED Grant](#)

[Ordinance #16104.pdf](#)

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, great, Ms. Tolino.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated yes, thank you. She stated that this is a grant from DCED from the state to do design documents to connect the MLK trail from Lehigh Parkway through Union Terrace to Cedar. It will be a safe travel route from Fountain Park all they way to Cedar Beach. She stated that this is money just for the design portion of that.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok. She asked if there were any questions from her colleagues or any questions from anyone on the dais. She asked if there were any questions from anyone in the public. She stated real simple question, we are talking about a trail, like a sidewalk. What is there to design.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that it is not a sidewalk. If you are picturing the D&L Trail, a gravel trail. She stated that a lot of the design is for elevation and materials and stormwater. It is a little more complicated then just a flat sidewalk.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated ok, alright. She stated that if there is money left over, it would not be able to be used for something else because it is just for this design.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that since this is a grant, it will not be able to go to a different project, but if it is cheaper to do the design and also when they say design, it is design in permitting. Permitting includes all the

stormwater, like state permitting becomes expensive because you are hiring engineers that have to do that. If there is money left over, it goes to another piece of this project, like construction or design of Phase 3 which is the trail that travels east to connect to the D&L at Bucky Boyle Park. If there is additional funding, she is sure they can ask them, the awarding agency if they can just move it to a different Phase of this Project. They will likely be ok. She stated ok, thank you.

Ms. Candida Affa stated she is sorry, she did not ask since Ms. Gerlach brought something up. She asked about the design and how friendly is this for biking.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated that it will be definitely friendly for biking. It would be a 10 to 12 foot wide gravel path so it is meant for biking a gravel path. She stated that it would be either gravel or paved, depending on what the costs are. She stated that many of the trails that are these longer regional trails are crushed gravel and functions almost as well as, in some instances it is better than a paved trail. In the Parkway, most of those trails are crush stones, compacted trails so they work as well as pavement.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Ms. Tolino. She stated that she is picturing gravel because gravel is gravel. She stated that is not easy to bike on.

Ms. Mandy Tolino stated no, it will be designed to accommodate. She stated wheelchairs, strollers, bikes, all those things.

Ms. Candida Affa thanked Ms. Tolino.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there is anyone else. She asked if there are any updates or anything else you would like to share.

Ms. Mandy Tolino thanked Ms. Gerlach for the chance and stated just a few quick updates on some upcoming events in the Recreation Programs. She stated next week on the 26th, they will be at Franklin Park for the next public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. She stated so they will be there from 6:00 to 8:00. She stated on the 8th and 9th, they are also going to have the All Star Basketball games. Right now, they are in the middle of the Winter League. Basketball season as well as PAL so the 8th and the 9th on the weekend it will be a really exciting weekend with a lot of kids and a lot of families at the All Star Game. Finally, on April 19th, they are planning an Egg Hunt. With the Egg Hunt, there will be other Egg Hunts for that day as well. It should be a good day to get ready for the Easter Holiday the next day. She stated that is all she has.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach stated alright, cool. Thank you so much.

A motion was made by Natalie Santos, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill

be forwarded to the full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, Natalie Santos and Candida Affa

Adjournment