

BPRC Subcommittee 1, Meeting #1
April 6, 2022
Notes

Meeting Location: Webex

Members: Andréa Akita, Stafford Mays, Justin Umagat; **BPRC Co-Chair:** Jessica Farmer

SPR Staff: Shanyanika McElroy, David Takami

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs): Donnie Grabowski, Joey Furuto, Justin Cutler, Kim Baldwin

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Homework for Next Meeting: Please review and prioritize each proposal against the Guiding Principles. Be prepared to discuss \$ allocations and rationales.

Subcommittee	Strategy (introduced by subcommittee facilitator)	Proposals	Staff	Notes
#1 Enhancing Access and Services <i>Facilitator: Shanyanika</i>	Improving Park Safety & Activation	Park Safety Program	Joey	Q (Stafford): Regarding safety proposals is there budget for “de-escalation” training for staff? A (Joey): Our 7 Park Rangers/Security staff attend multiple trainings a year, including Management Of Aggressive Behavior (MOAB) training. Those staff then come back and train other SPR employees.
		Park Concierges	Justin	
		Neighborhood Park Activation	Justin	
	Enhancing Recreation Facilities & Programming	Community Center Operations	Justin	
		Custodial Support	Carson	
		Environmental Education	Justin	
		Rec ‘N The Streets	Justin	Q (Stafford): How do you develop your activities? How do you find the space? A: We work with neighbors and existing partners to develop activities and find the spaces. For instance in one neighborhood, we lined a parking lot for pickleball and brought the needed equipment to the makeshift activity. “Just in time” recreation. It takes people and time to build relationships in the community.
		Business Systems & Customer Service Unit	Donnie	
	Restoring Trails & Improving Access to Open Space	Trails Program Support	Joey	
		Trails Major Maintenance (Capital)	Kim	
		Trails, Connectivity, and Access (Capital)	Kim	
	Expanding Youth Employment & Mentorship	Teen Development Program	Justin	
		Youth Mentorship & Employment Opportunities	Justin	Q (Stafford): Besides NAACP and Urban League, what other partners do you work with on this program? A (Justin): We work with many different partners (e.g. Good Will with Green Corps). I can get you a list.

GENERAL NOTE

Board Member Justin Umagat was selected as Chair of this subcommittee.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Expanded Duties for SPR

Q (Andrea): SPR has stepped up to take on roles in human services and public safety, which puts pressure on the department's budget. Are there are opportunities for the City to cover these expanded responsibilities such as funding from other departments, other parts of City budget?

A (Michele Finnegan): We look at all of possible funding sources for those kinds of programs. For example, the Clean City program is partially funded by federal COVID relief dollars. The Encampment Team is funded by the General Fund. It's a mix of funding sources. The sweetened beverage tax funded the Summer Lunch Program. So while it's an important funding source, the Park District is not the only funding source.

Proposal Scalability

Q (Andrea): re: scalability, what proposals are scalable and what would be lost if we scaled back? We heard about benefits today.

A (Kim): We consider the lifecycle of assets, trying to update and renovate prior to failure.

A (Joey): If we scaled back, we would work internally and collaborate differently to achieve most of our goals.

Baseline Funding/Grant Funding

Q (Justin U): Will level of current investments continue?

A (Michele): Yes, current baseline investment will continue

Q (Justin U): Are there possibilities for other funding programs for these proposals?

A (Michele): We're successful in getting capital grants but grants for sustained operations are difficult to obtain.

Overhead

Q (Andrea): Do projects or precommitments funding for administrative overhead, customer service or maintenance?

A (Michele): Yes, a small amount of overhead is included in these cost estimates. About 3%.

Standard Assessments

Q: (Justin U): Do you use standard assessments for systems or building or parks to help determine what kind of improvements are needed?

A (Joey): There's a soft-surface management plan to assess trail conditions and connections; we rank the trails to see which one get repairs first. Carson: We've done system roofing assessments, stabilization assessments. Joey: It takes staff to do condition assessments. That is part of our proposal.

Green Lake CC Project

Q (Andrea): What's the status of the Green Lake CC redevelopment project?

A (Andy): Cost estimates came in high for renovation of the facility mostly due to unstable soil at this site. We are reexamining our approach to consider a hybrid approach with both renovation and redevelopment.