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MOTION

To Review and Make a Funding Recommendation for the acquisition and renovation of the Mother of Christ Church, located at 5301 Winneste Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 in Winton Hills, to be used as a multi-purpose community hub and resource center, meeting space, and training center for adults and youth in the Winton Hills community.

WE MOVE that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the plan by the Winton Hills Community Council to acquire and renovate the Mother of Christ Church, located at 5301 Winneste Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 in Winton Hills, for use as a community hub and resource center with \$250,000 in funding from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past requests and funding of the project by the City of Cincinnati, any pertinent information from the Administration on the project, and a final recommendation by the Administration as to whether to fund the project.

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STATEMENT

The Winton Hills Community Council plans to utilize the Mother of Christ Church, located at 5301 Winneste Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 in Winton Hills, as a multipurpose community hub and cultural center. This facility will address several critical needs of the Winton Hills neighborhood, including:

1. Community Services and Support:

- Establish a centralized location for essential services such as food security initiatives, job training, and educational workshops.
- Provide meeting spaces for neighborhood organizations, youth programs, and resident support groups.
- o Continue to be a poling place for Winton Hills residents to vote.

2. Cultural and Historical Preservation:

- Honor the rich history and legacy of the community of Winton Hills as well as the community-based institutions such as Mother of Christ Church.
- Recognize the unique culture and heritage of the historic local farming community.

3. Youth and Family Engagement:

 Create a safe space for after-school activities, mentoring programs, and recreational opportunities for families in the Winton Hills area.

4. Economic Development:

- Support local entrepreneurs and small businesses by offering incubator, workshops, and community events.
- Create a space for skill-building programs, workforce development, and financial literacy education to empower residents.

5. Faith-Based Collaboration:

 Offer opportunities for interfaith partnerships, spiritual support, and community healing in collaboration with local faith leaders.

By acquiring this property, the Winton Hills Community Council aims to ensure that it continues to serve as a vital resource for the community, fostering empowerment, resilience, and unity among residents.

The Winton Hills Community Council is deeply committed to preserving the legacy of the Mother of Christ Church while transforming it into a space that uplifts and serves the entire Winton Hills community.

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