

October 13, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202102931
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: **Ordinance – Recreation: Donation from the Reds Community Fund**

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

ESTABLISHING new capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221906, “Avondale Synthetic Baseball Field RCF Donation,” for the purpose of providing donated resources for the construction of a synthetic baseball field at the Avondale Recreation Area; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a cash donation from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund up to the amount of \$150,000 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221906, “Avondale Synthetic Baseball Field RCF Donation.”

This Ordinance authorizes establishment of capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221906, “Avondale Synthetic Baseball Field RCF Donation,” for the purpose of providing donated resources for the construction of a synthetic baseball field at the Avondale Recreation Area, located at 870 Blair Avenue. The Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to accept and appropriate a cash donation from the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (RCF) up to the amount of \$150,000 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x221906, “Avondale Synthetic Baseball Field RCF Donation.”

The original improvement plans for the Avondale Recreation Area were formulated in 2019 and called for a synthetic infield to be installed at the Avondale Recreation Area baseball field. However, this improvement was not possible because of some project budget realignment needs. Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) designed the field so a synthetic turf could be installed at a later date. The ballfield renovation is currently 50% completed with only the need to install fencing, seeding, and ballfield clay/DuraEdge. The RCF donation will permit the completion the original scope of the project with the synthetic infield installation. The donation requires \$150,000 in matching funds, which the CRC will provide from existing capital improvement program projects to complete the remaining renovation elements.

This Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live goal to “Build a robust public life” “Collaborate” goal to “Unite our communities” as described on pages 149 and 210, respectively, of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment