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**MOTION**

***Youth Football Field Support***

We move that within 90 days the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) identify 2-3 sites in the City of Cincinnati that can be dedicated for Youth Football Leagues practices and games, as well as any funding that may be needed.

**STATEMENT**

The City of Cincinnati has dedicated baseball and soccer fields within the city, but we do not have dedicated fields for Youth Football. There are fourteen (14) youth football teams in the City of Cincinnati each with ~100 kids. These teams are mostly staffed with volunteers who piece together funding and dedicate hours of their time to coaching the teams and young athletes. Some teams have space to practice and play games, but others, especially those serving less affluent neighborhoods, do not. For example, teams such as the Evanston Bulldogs carve out space at Owl's Nest Park and/or Evanston Playground. There is an option of playing on Cincinnati Public School fields, but that is cost prohibitive for most teams to rent that space.

Other cities such as Columbus and Dayton have dedicated Youth Football Fields within their city that include a field for practices and playing games, bleachers for family/friends, restrooms, overhead lights to allow for evening games, etc.

This motion asks that CRC to identify 2-3 sites for dedicated Youth Football fields and funding needed for them. This dedicated space will support teams that are serving the less affluent neighborhoods of Cincinnati give children in those neighborhoods the opportunity to better their circumstances and learn the positive benefits that come with team sports and football.

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