

February 16, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**From:** John P. Curp, Interim City Manager  202200387

**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Carter’s Grove at Ault Park

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation in an amount up to \$40,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund into Fund 430, “Parks Private Endowment and Donations,” for the purpose of providing resources for a grove and bird sanctuary in Ault Park; **ESTABLISHING** new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222020, “Carter’s Grove at Ault Park,” for the purpose of providing resources for creating a grove and bird sanctuary in Ault Park; and **AUTHORIZING** the transfer and appropriation of up to \$40,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Fund 430, “Parks Private Endowment and Donations,” to newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222020, “Carter’s Grove at Ault Park.”

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept and deposit a donation totaling \$40,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430. This Emergency Ordinance would also establish new capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222020, “Carter’s Grove at Ault Park” for the purpose of providing resources for a grove and bird sanctuary in Ault Park. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the Finance Director to transfer and appropriate \$40,000 from the unappropriated surplus of Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430 to the newly established capital improvement program project account no. 980x203x222020, “Carter’s Grove at Ault Park.”

Lee and Shannon Carter donated funds to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation for the creation of a grove and bird sanctuary in Ault Park to be located within the forest edge of the Southwest end of Ault Commons. It will provide an accessible, quiet, and contemplative space under the canopy of trees and surrounding wildlife away from the active areas of Ault Park and will include seating and new understory plantings with views facing the forested hillside and down to the cherry tree grove.

This donation requires neither additional FTE nor matching funds.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to have resources in place to obtain bids and start construction.

Creating a grove and bird sanctuary in Ault Park is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “Preserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “Protect our natural resources,” as described on pages 193 – 196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

