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## **MOTION**

*To Review and Make a Funding Recommendation for the ArtWorks Creative Campus ArtPark Project*

**WE MOVE** that the Administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the ArtWorks Creative Campus ArtPark project for possible usage from the Capital Project Fund. This report should include a brief summary of the project, past asks 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 or not to fund the project.

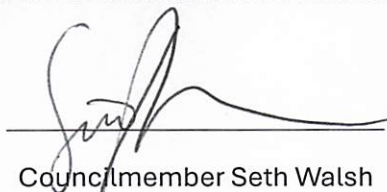
## **STATEMENT**

The ArtWorks Creative Campus project is ArtWorks' first ever capital project and has a small remaining gap to close out the \$11.7 million dollar goal to complete the project prior to the grand opening on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Creative Campus includes renovation and redevelopment of a historic building and a vacant lot in the Peebles corner business district in Walnut Hills, as well as new crosswalks and a green median on Gilbert Avenue. The Campus also extends to the ArtPark at the corner of Curtis Street and Gilbert Avenue which will be home to native plants and gardens, a water fountain, space for community events, public art, and more.

In the FY25 Carryover budget, Council allocated \$1,359,008 to a *Capital Project Fund* account. This fund should allow the Council to address priorities and needs that arise outside of the Budget and Close Out process. This funding can only be used at the initiation of a member of Cincinnati City Council and is intended to be used before FY26.

These funds were earmarked for one-time capital use on projects capped at \$500,000 and vetted by the City Administration. This process includes an administrative review any of these potential projects and then a final vote by Council no sooner than January 1, 2025. The Administration review should be conducted within two weeks of the request being made by motion by a member of Council for review, and following the review a formal funding request can be made by a member of Council.

The report should be brief, including a summary of the project, past asks 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 the Administration recommends funding or not funding the project.



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