

October 10, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202201901
From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): BLINK Cincinnati Installation Donation

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the pool and basketball courts at Hanna Playground in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as an art installation that will be included in BLINK Cincinnati, notwithstanding any conflicting Cincinnati Recreation Commission rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork; **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept monetary and in-kind donations from one or more persons in order to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of artwork on the pool and basketball courts at Hanna Playground in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit monetary donations into Fund 319, “Contributions for Recreation Purposes,” revenue account no. 319x8571.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to design, install, and maintain artwork on the pool and basketball courts at Hanna Playground in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood as an art installation that will be included in BLINK Cincinnati, notwithstanding any conflicting Cincinnati Recreation Commission rules and regulations or any provision of the Cincinnati Municipal Code (CMC) that would prohibit the installation and maintenance of the artwork. This Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the City Manager to accept monetary and in-kind donations from one or more persons in order to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of artwork on the pool and basketball courts at Hanna Playground in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Finally, this Emergency Ordinance will also authorize the Finance Director to deposit monetary donations into Fund 319, “Contributions for Recreation Purposes,” revenue account no. 319x8571.

Xylene Projects presented the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with an opportunity to paint the pool and basketball courts at the Hanna Playground in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. Xylene Projects and artist Matthew Dayler will carry out all or a portion of the work required to design, install, and maintain the artwork. The completed project will serve as an art installation for the 2022 BLINK Cincinnati

event taking place October 13, 2022, through October 16, 2022. BLINK Cincinnati is the nation's largest free public art event, spanning 30 city blocks across downtown Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

The City may also accept donations from one or more persons, including Xylene Projects, in order to offset the cost and expense associated with the design, installation, and maintenance of the artwork and to ensure the design, installation, and maintenance of the Artwork shall have little or no impact on the General Fund of the City of Cincinnati.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 7, 2022, the City Planning Commission recommended that the City install the artwork on the pool and basketball courts at Hanna Playground.

There are no new FTEs or matching funds associated with the art installation or acceptance of donations.

The design, installation, and maintenance of this artwork is consistent with the "Live" goal to "[c]reate a more livable community" as described on pages 156-163 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the public art project described in this ordinance to proceed so that the corresponding benefits to the City and the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood are realized at the earliest possible time.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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



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