

May 26, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202102019  
**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Acceptance of In-Kind Donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program valued at approximately \$600,000 in the form of improvements to the Avondale Recreation Area and the Rockdale Recreation Area.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the 2021 Community Makeover Program. The Community Makeover Program brings together the resources of the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund (RCF), Procter & Gamble (P&G), The Cincinnati Zoo, and Children’s Hospital in an effort to make a positive impact in specified neighborhoods.

The 2021 program will take place in the Avondale neighborhood. There are six separate locations receiving support for enhancements in this year's program. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) has two locations in the identified area: the Avondale Recreation Area located at 870 Blair Avenue and the Rockdale Recreation Area located at 3480 Harvey Avenue. Improvements include upgrades to the tennis courts to include pickleball, basketball court renovations, site grading improvements, baseball field renovations, fencing and general park additions such as grills, picnic tables and landscaping.

The improvements are valued at approximately \$600,000, and the City will have no financial responsibilities associated with this construction. The donation requires no matching funds, and no new FTE are associated with this donation. However, the CRC is leveraging these in-kind donations with CRC funding to enhance the overall site improvements and plans to spend \$175,000 from existing capital improvement program project resources.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “Create a more livable community,” as described on page 156 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and allow work to begin in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Christopher A. Bigham, Assistant City Manager  
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Attachment

