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MOTION

Cincinnati Parks & Recreation Commission Greenspace Management

WE MOVE that, within 90 days, the Cincinnati Parks Department and Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) evaluate the Futures Commission's proposal for transferring the management of the 954 acres of greenspace currently under CRC to Cincinnati Parks, including any implications for staffing, equipment, potential cost savings, and the ability of CRC to focus on managing recreation centers and continue to deliver best-in-class programming.

STATEMENT

The Futures Commission recommended that Cincinnati Parks and CRC explore shared services opportunities, which they indicated would yield an estimated \$25 million in savings over 10 years. Specifically, it recommended that "the city should consider whether the upkeep and maintenance of all green spaces not attached to recreation centers – including playgrounds – be the responsibility of the Parks Department." Part of their rationale was that there was some duplication of services especially when it came to the management of greenspace. The purpose of this motion is to ask staff to do the due diligence on this recommendation.

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