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*Councilmember*

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## MOTION

**WE MOVE** that Findlay Playground - which was closed and gated for a period of nearly two years due to safety concerns - should be a flourishing, shared public space that increases safety, quality of life, and recreational opportunities for the surrounding community.

**WE FURTHER MOVE** that with the recent re-opening of Findlay Playground, in order to ensure a successful, sustainable, equitable future, that the City Council supports and commits to investing in a course of action which includes and accomplishes the following:

- Uses Downtown/OTR TIF dollars - leveraged against other funds, including new market tax credits and private philanthropy - to repair, revitalize, and upgrade the park portion of the Findlay Playground property
- Prioritizes - in addition to Findlay Playground - a new, improved Over-the-Rhine Recreation Center and a revitalized Grant Park
- Establishes a plan for programming these vital public spaces (while recognizing that TIF dollars are not eligible for operating expenses)
- Creates an agreement between the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and a development manager to execute the project (including its financial, design, construction, and tax credit components)
- Ensures an outcome that is equitable and that reflects a community-driven vision by establishing a diverse, inclusive Steering Committee comprised of representatives from each of the following groups:
  - Over-the-Rhine Community Council (2)
  - Residents from immediately around Findlay Playground and Grant Park, with a focus on longtime residents (2)
  - Cincinnati Recreation Commission (1)

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- Cincinnati City Council (1)
- City of Cincinnati Administration (1)
- Downtown Residents Council (1)
- Cincinnati Health Commission (1)
- Our Daily Bread (1)
- Affordable Housing Organization (1)
- Developer with deep experience in and connection to the neighborhood (1)
- Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Findlay Market (1)

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