

May 29, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

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Subject: Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC): United Way Donation for Ryan Park Complex

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$135,000 from the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, operating on behalf of the Cincinnati Bengals, into existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation,” to reimburse the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the purchase of playground structures, equipment, materials, and signage for improvements to the Ryan Park Complex; **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into existing capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251900; and **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of these donated funds.

Approval of this Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation of up to \$135,000 from the United Way, operating on behalf of the Cincinnati Bengals, into capital improvement program project account no. 980x199x251900, “Outdoor Facilities Renovation,” to reimburse the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) for the purchase for improvements to the Ryan Park Complex. The Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to enter into any agreements necessary for the receipt and administration of the donation.

The Ryan Park Complex, which is adjacent to and utilized by the Gamble Montessori Elementary School, includes a park and playground accessible to the Westwood, North Fairmount, and Millvale neighborhoods. The site plan for improvements to the Ryan Park Complex includes the addition of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible equipment, an education trail, and mindfulness spaces which will be purchased from David Williams and Associates on behalf of Gametime Equipment and will be integrated with existing equipment already in place at the Ryan Park Complex. CRC will cover the cost for the agreed-upon site improvements and the United Way will reimburse CRC up to \$135,000.

Partnering with the United Way and updating and upgrading recreational facilities at the Ryan Park Complex is in accordance with the “Live” goal to “[b]uild a robust public life,” and the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and strategy to “[u]nite our communities” as described on pages 149-154 and 209-211 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachment

