

January 20, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202200088

**From:** Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Parks: Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund Donations**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$400,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund for the purpose of purchasing horticultural supplies, executing maintenance contracts, providing staff reimbursements, acquiring Krohn Conservatory’s gift shop inventory, and providing resources for other vital costs associated with running the City’s parks; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit the funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

This Emergency Ordinance would authorize the City Manager to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$400,000 from the Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund. This Emergency Ordinance would also authorize the Finance Director to deposit the donated funds into Parks Private Endowment and Donations Fund 430.

The Cincinnati Park Board Commissioners’ Fund consists of funds received from endowments and donations from various entities to support the Cincinnati Park Board. This donation will provide support for purchasing horticultural supplies, executing maintenance contracts, providing salary reimbursements, providing for the Krohn Conservatory’s gift shop inventory, and other vital costs associated with running the City’s parks.

No additional FTE are associated with this donation, and matching funds are not required.

This Emergency Ordinance is in accordance with the Sustain goal to “Preserve our natural and built environment” and strategy to “Protect our natural resources,” as described on pages 193 – 196 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to ensure the availability of necessary resources to avoid disruption of services to the City’s parks.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment

