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Councilmember

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Motion

To Fund the Completion of the Camp Washington Skatepark

WE MOVE that the administration provide a report within two (2) weeks reviewing the Camp Washington Skatepark project for possible funding from the *Capital Project Fund*. This should include a brief project summary, outstanding gap analysis, and other pertinent information, as well as a final recommendation on whether or not to close the funding gap on the project.

Statement

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) alongside partners from the Cincinnati Skatepark Project began the process of fundraising and preparing for the creation of the City's first skatepark, which will be constructed on CRC property in Camp Washington. Since Council's initial allocation of \$250,000 in the FY24 budget, the partnership has leveraged a \$300,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, \$50,000 from the Devou Good Foundation, and \$50,000 from the Haile Foundation. This increases the total commitments to \$650,000.

It is Council's desire to complete this project as expediently and efficiently as possible, which notably involves completing the project in a single phase. A single-phase approach would have positive time, design, and cost implications and, through our engagement with CRC, it is the preferred alternative.

To date there is a small gap remaining between the estimated costs of the project and the committed funds. Closing the gap will allow the project to move forward in its entirety and ensure future fundraising promotes additional safety and sustainability features in the park.

In the FY25 Carryover budget, Council allocated \$1,359,008 to a *Capital Project Fund* account. These funds were earmarked for "one-time projects" capped at \$500,000 and vetted by the City Administration. The Camp Washington Skatepark is a one-time expense with prior support from the City Administration, investment from this Council, and a clear path towards completion, thus making it an ideal use for these funds.

It is significant that, for a CRC operated facility, the community has been able to help leverage upwards of 40% of the total project cost through various fundraising efforts. The skatepark will be

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an asset to CRC and the Camp Washington community that brings positive activity and catalyzes economic development in the vicinity.

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