



**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Agenda Date:	March 2, 2020
Action Required:	Appropriation of Funds
Presenter:	Vic Garber, Deputy Director, Parks and Recreation
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Title:	Skate Park Lighting Donations - \$47,540

Background:

Following an aggressive community engagement process for a new lit skate park, the conceptual design for the East Side of McIntire Park was approved by City Council in 2015. Available funds for the skate park at that time was less than the lowest competitive bid. Following lengthy negotiations, skate park lighting was removed from project construction, and the park was built. The Charlottesville Skate Park opened to the public March 2018 and is heavily used by skateboarders, bikes and scooters from the city, county, and region.

Discussion:

Lighting the skate park is an important investment for the safety of patrons and will allow residents and visitors to maximize daily use of the skate park, after work and school, especially during the fall, winter and spring months. Cost for skate park lighting is approximately \$300,000. \$47,540 has been raised so far through several fundraising events conducted by skate park advocates and staff members. These funds are presently in an CIP account specifically for skate park lightning. BAMA Works has pledged to match the first \$100,000 funds received to help complete the skate park lighting. Future donations received shall be added to this CIP account, and carried over each year until the amount needed to install the lights is reached. Should the full amount necessary to install the lighting not be fully secured, then the donations received for the project will be returned to those individuals or organizations who made the donations.

Alignment with Council Vision Areas and Strategic Plan:

This project aligns with City Council's "Green City" vision and contributes to Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan: Be a safe, equitable, thriving and beautiful community, and objective 2.5, to provide natural and historic resources stewardship.; 5.2. Build collaborative partnerships; 5.3. Promote community engagement.

Community Engagement:

Extensive community engagement took place as part of the fundraiser for lights.

Budgetary Impact:

There is no budgetary impact at this time. Once the estimated amount necessary to complete the project has been received, and the project begins, there may be additional funding necessary to complete the installation of the skate park lighting. At which time additional appropriations/resolutions for funding may come to Council for consideration.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the appropriation of these funds.

Alternatives:

N/A

Attachments:

Appropriation

APPROPRIATION
Skate Park Lightning
\$47,540

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through the through Parks and Recreation, has received donations to offset costs for Skate Park lightning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville funding is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue

\$47,540 Fund: 426 WBS-P1034 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures

\$47,540 Fund: 426 WBS-P1034 G/L Account: 599999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of Charlottesville, that any future donations for Skate Park Lighting shall be added to increase the budget of this appropriation. This appropriation shall not be deemed to expire at the end of the fiscal year, but is hereby appropriated in the ensuing fiscal year unless altered by further action of this Council. Should the full amount necessary to install the Skate Park Lighting not be fully secured, then the donations received for the project will be returned to those individuals or organizations who made the donations, in the amount of the original donation.