

BPRC Subcommittee 1, Meeting #3
April 20, 2022
Notes

Meeting Location: Webex

Members: Andréa Akita, Stafford Mays, Justin Umagat (Subcommittee Chair); **BPRC Co-Chair:** Jessica Farmer, Marlon Herrera

SPR Staff: Shanyanika McElroy, David Takami

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs): Corey Meyers, Donnie Grabowski, Joey Furuto, Justin Cutler, Kim Baldwin, Michele Finnegan, Andy Sheffer, Carson Jones

Subcommittee	Strategy (introduced by subcommittee facilitator)	Proposals	Staff	Notes
#1 Enhancing Access and Services <i>Facilitator: Shanyanika</i>	Improving Park Safety & Activation	Park Safety Program	Joey	<p>Subcommittee members and staff discussed possible overlap between this proposal and the concierge proposal; staff stated they were separate and distinct programs. Concierge program is about staff helping to activate parks with positive activities and use.</p> <p>Michele: The first cycle initially had broader investment but the final package was reduced to adding Animal Control officers to patrol parks. General Fund support started before Park District.</p> <p>Andrea: Feel strongly Park District funding should be for general park maintenance and programs related to mission. SPR has continued to respond to needs of city not related to parks, e.g., climate change, unsheltered population, public safety, mental health. Those needs need to be addressed more comprehensively by the city.</p>
		Park Concierges	Justin	<p>Michele: Regarding other possible funding partners, there are one-time partnerships but long-term operational support is difficult to find</p> <p>Justin: scaling down would mean reducing the number of parks we serve.</p>
		Neighborhood Park Activation		Justin U: Good return on investment to activate parks
		Community Center Operations	Justin	Strong support for this one
	Enhancing Recreation Facilities & Programming	Custodial Support	Carson	Strong support for this one
		Environmental Education	Justin	Justin Cutler: This proposal to restore us to pre-recession level of services across city, focusing on equity, seeking close-to-home nature interpretation. Scalable.
		Rec 'N The Streets	Justin	Cutler: adds 2 more RNTS teams

	Restoring Trails & Improving Access to Open Space	Business Systems & Customer Service Unit	Donnie	Donnie: 5 FTE customer service unit to improve service to customers at central location Justin: Front desk people may not have capacity to support these customers
		Trails Program Support	Joey	Strong support
		Trails Major Maintenance (Capital)	Andy	Strong support
		Trails, Connectivity, and Access (Capital)	Andy	
	Expanding Youth Employment & Mentorship	Teen Development Program	Justin	Stafford: I support anything that supports youth development Cutler: This provides add'l support across the system; would support Late Night as well
		Youth Mentorship & Employment Opportunities	Justin	Stafford: Adding a staff person? Cutler: This would be a new position in HR unit to provide consistency of policy and implementation. Also coaching, mentoring, troubleshooting.

GENERAL NOTES/QUESTIONS

Talked about criteria for how subcommittee will proceed with prioritization, especially:

- Return of investment
- Meeting outcomes of strategies, department
- Meeting demands

Justin U: SMEs. Of all these proposals, how many have high likelihood of getting funding from other sources?

MF: There are some funding sources and partners for programs in some years but not at other times; we are seeking more sustained funding

Shanyanika: some proposals are scalable but not divisible

Andrea: One way to get from \$12M to \$9M is to do a prorata cut across the board.

Andrea: I will also be looking at equity scorings to make funding decisions

Subcommittee members will fill out their spreadsheets for options A and B and return them to Shanyanika so she can compile results before next week's meeting, where members will finalize the recommendations.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 27.