

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	November 15, 2021
Action Required:	Appropriation of Funds
Presenter:	Riaan Anthony, Parks and Recreation Management Specialist II
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Title:	BAMA Matching Skate Park Lighting Donations - \$100,000

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. At that time, available funds for the skate park were 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 in 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 our patrons. It 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. The cost for skate park lighting is approximately \$285,000. \$109,315 has been raised so far through several fundraising events conducted by skate park advocates and staff members. These funds are presently in a CIP account specifically for skate park lighting (P-01034). BAMA Works pledged to match the first \$100,000 funds received to help complete the skate park lighting. With all the donations and fundraising, the department has exceeded the \$100,000 match and with the additional \$100,000 awards we will be \$46,685 from our goal. Future donations will be added to this CIP account until we reach the amount needed to install the lights.

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, additional funding may be needed to complete the skate park lighting installation. 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 Resolution

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING funding for
Skate Park Lighting - \$100,000**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through the through Parks and Recreation, has received match donations of 100,000 from BAMA Works to offset costs for Skate Park lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, receive \$100,000 match funds from BAMA Works is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue

\$100,000	Fund: 426	WBS-P1034	G/L Account: 451020
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Expenditures

\$100,000	Fund: 426	WBS-P1034	G/L Account: 599999
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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.