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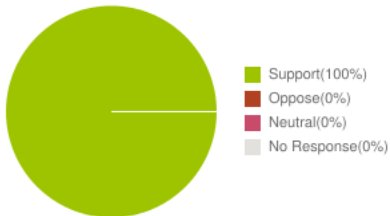
eComments Report

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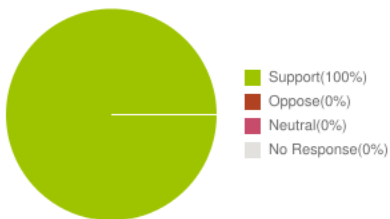
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37 22-388 A resolution calling for the reestablishment of the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and requiring the incorporation of public art in Milwaukee County capital improvement projects.	3	3	0	0
38 22-400 A resolution requesting the Department of Administrative Services-Procurement Division award a contract to RSG, Inc. to effectuate a sound study at the Rock Sports Complex and authorizing an administrative transfer of \$200,000 from Org Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to cover the contract cost	7	7	0	0

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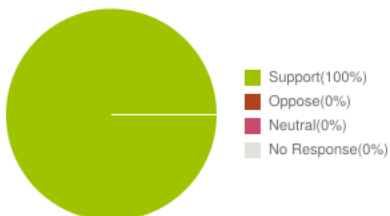
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Agenda Item: eComments for 37 22-388 A resolution calling for the reestablishment of the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and requiring the incorporation of public art in Milwaukee County capital improvement projects.

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David Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42pm 03-16-22

Thank you for introducing this resolution that would explore bringing back the County's Public Art Program. While the program was in effect, it leveraged \$1M to create important public art projects that helped to tell our County's shared stories, including "Kindred Ties" a bus shelter on 21st and North Avenue and "Giving Gifts," a twelve panel installation at airport parking garage, both by Milwaukee treasure Evelyn Patricia Terry. These projects help

to drive a shared sense of inclusion, place, welcome, and vibrancy. Please vote today to pass this resolution and ask your colleagues on the full board to adopt and establish this work group. It will represent a small but meaningful step to help grow the amount of public funding for the arts in our County.

El Sebas

Location:

Submitted At: 6:24pm 03-16-22

I support a resolution calling for the reestablishment of the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and requiring the incorporation of public art in Milwaukee County capital improvement projects

Camila iuscely

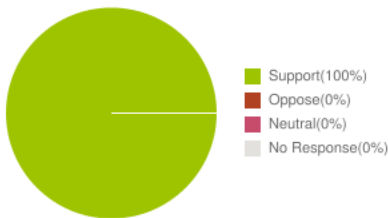
Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 03-15-22

Hello, my name is iuscely (you-Selly) flores and I support the resolution that reinstates the Milwaukee County Public Art Program and requiring the incorporation of public art in Milwaukee County capital improvement projects. As a freelance artist that collaborated on two different loteria projects with the Versiti blood center of Wisconsin and Redistricting Loteria for the WI fair maps coalition, and received less than \$1,000 for a project that had projected costs of over \$10k, I know it would have been equitable to have paid an artist \$20-25/hour to draw 80 images, design a deck, and plan events to release these non-partisan projects, but that wasn't the case. And I know just how much so many creatives leave the county and state to other places that will afford them an opportunity to do great things. I also sit on the board of ex-fabula where they have been connecting community since 2009, through the art of true, personal storytelling. Ex Fabula, which is Latin for "from stories", presents storytelling workshops, StorySlams and Community Collaborations where people listen to each other, feel heard, and grow in empathy and understanding. An organization like this typically thrives through small contributions that are between \$20-300. And they continue to connect, share and expand our communities capabilities to become more intersectional even during trying times like these past two years have brought on. Please consider re-enacting this amazing program so organizations and artists alike can have an opportunity to thrive in our county.

Agenda Item: eComments for 38 22-400 A resolution requesting the Department of Administrative Services-Procurement Division award a contract to RSG, Inc. to effectuate a sound study at the Rock Sports Complex and authorizing an administrative transfer of \$200,000 from Org Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to cover the contract cost

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Kathleen Vincent

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 03-17-22

Good Morning Finance Committee- I am writing today in support of this resolution for the County to authorize and pay for a sound study at the Rock Sports Complex. Please vote in favor of funding this sound study to honor the commitment that was made by Milwaukee County to the residents of the current District #17 and District #9.

Todd Michaels, Village Manager

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03am 03-17-22

Please approve the sound study for the Rock Sports Complex. Residents in the Village of Greendale have been subject to nuisance noise from the property for many years. Please do whatever you can to help fix this problem.

Elaine Unger

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36pm 03-16-22

I am a resident of Greendale and I serve as on the Greendale Village Board. Greendale and Franklin neighbors of The Rock Sports Complex have been negatively impacted by the sound from the venue for years, thus I am writing in support of the sound study. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Dana Gindt

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04pm 03-16-22

Approve the Sound Study funding. No more delays. The County is a partner in creating this public nuisance for the past 9 years. It needs mitigation.

The County is aware of the adverse impact of noise pollution. The County was involved in the Noise Study at General Mitchell airport where 740 homes in the 65-decibel range received \$53 million in sound proofing / mitigation of residences. The Rock broadcasts noise across the 2017 County established Noise Abatement Boundary line for hundreds of events each year above the decibel range for residential areas around the airport. County agreements were in technical default prior to the negotiation of the sale for the 140 acres for \$1. The Comptroller, a well-regarded public official, was aware of these technical defaults for a year prior to the additional entitlements being considered with this developer / development. This significant and material information was not disclosed to the County Board during the consideration of an even more complicated, controversial and detrimental project in 2017.

This County enabled and partnered in this entertainment district abutting established residential districts without any RFP for the 25-year Lease nor without any RFP for the Sale of 140 acres for \$1. The County partnership in this entertainment complex creates ongoing and significant harm to residents within 2 miles of this location. The noise is not abated. The noise is not mitigated.

If the County Board was fully informed of the 2012 contractual defaults - would the sale have moved forward as it did? The vote was 11 to 7.

If the County Board was aware of the misrepresentations throughout this process by elected officials and County staff would the terms or outcome been different with clearer terms and conditions?

What would the situation be today if the County Board was properly, accurately, and thoroughly informed regarding the technical defaults of foundational agreements and the proposed partnership?

If the noise was abated for BPC at the property line as was required in the 2017 County Development Agreement the County would not continue to be contacted about noise pollution from this facility.

So please fund the Comprehensive Sound Study to receive the scientific analysis and the recommendations from an acoustic engineer to mitigate the noise the County partnered in creating. The noise pollution creates harm to residents and parks within miles of this district.

The Sound study was a condition of the sale and has been approved twice by the County in the last 2 years, acknowledging this significant issue that the County assisted in creating. The County enabled this harm that requires mitigation as promised throughout 2017.

Andy Kleist

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 03-16-22

As a Greendale resident who lives directly north of The Rock Sports Complex, I support FULLY funding a comprehensive sound study for The Rock as was required and contractually agreed to since 2017. My family and thousands of neighbors in Greendale and Franklin are impacted by the noise pollution for MILES around this facility in every direction. I personally live about 2 miles away and can clearly hear concerts, baseball games, special events, and fireworks on a regular basis.

Corporation Counsel testified at numerous meetings that more could be done to help citizens if noise continued to be an issue. Corporation Counsel also testified that the County would have further recourse if noise complaints continued. Noise complaints and noise in general continues to be an issue and has never stopped being an issue. The County has always been fully aware of this. In 2017, months before the sale of the land, roughly 400 public comment cards were submitted by Greendale and Franklin residents opposing this project, yet the County

decided to move forward despite our objections.

There needs to be a thorough scientific analysis of the noise pollution from The Rock, which easily hosts 150 events each year and broadcasts noise for multiple hours a day. The sound study quote is NOT "excessive" for a 140-acre entertainment facility placed in the middle of Milwaukee County suburbs. A legitimate comprehensive sound study is a long-term, substantial project that benefits everyone. It is time to get this done now. Surrounding residents are tired of waiting. The comprehensive sound study, which was a part of Franklin's approval of the PDD and in James Tarantino's 9-20-2017 PowerPoint, stated that ALL the terms of the Franklin PDD37 must be followed, including the condition to complete a comprehensive sound study. Even the developer understood this. Resolution 17-598 for the sale of the land in 2017 states, "Whereas Milwaukee County and the Operator RECOGNIZE the concerns of the neighboring property owners that additional recreational use of the site will require additional infrastructure to MITIGATE noise and light impacts on adjacent neighborhoods". Yet, years later, no sound study has been completed and the noise pollution has still NOT been mitigated at the property lines as required.

Surrounding neighbors like myself were told by County officials and staff that Exhibit C, the Light and Noise Addendum would be a "benefit to the neighbors". Does establishing a 79-decibel level protect me, my family, and neighbors? Does allowing the 79-decibel level to be exceeded for up to 30 minutes at events, and three times a year before it is considered a violation protect me, my family, and neighbors? There is not a single sound ordinance found anywhere else in Milwaukee County that states anything about noise or sound issues being sustained for 30 minutes or any amount of time before it is considered a violation. Do three solar-powered sound monitors, none of which were placed using scientific data, seem like adequate monitoring for a 140-acre entertainment development? Why are only a select few sound ordinances from the City of Franklin in Exhibit C and not ALL of them? Are these items representative of the spirit and intent of Exhibit C being a "benefit to the neighbors"? If so, then please provide further explanation to me and residents in Greendale and Franklin. We deserve an explanation.

Again, I ask that the County FULLY funds a comprehensive sound study to start this spring and that does NOT take any shortcuts on the proposal. Residents in Greendale and Franklin have been waiting for years and we do not want to wait any longer. The County helped create this public nuisance and needs to be a part of the solution. A thorough audit of Exhibit C should also be a part of the solution. The County's decisions have negatively impacted our quality of life, and the County needs to step up with a thorough, fully funded comprehensive sound study.

Kyle Baldwin

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42pm 03-16-22

I am a Greendale resident in close proximity to The Rock Complex.

I am advocating for a sound study to be performed for The Rock. Unfortunately, there is constant noise pollution from the activities happening at The Rock that routinely disrupts my family's quality of life, and the County needs to follow through and address this issue for our family and the thousands of surrounding residents.

I am a proud father with young kids who I encourage to be outside and it is disappointing that this noise pollution is forced onto them when we are within our own home and our own property. It is so loud that we cannot keep the windows open in the evening because it disrupts our toddler when trying to fall asleep.

Please take action and hold The Rock accountable.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Kim Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:55am 03-16-22

Support the approval of the Sound Study AGAIN. Milwaukee County will not achieve the goal of healthiest County in the Wisconsin when it is a partner in creating and allowing this public nuisance. It damages quality of life for thousands of families and animals nearly year-round. The World Health Organization indicates that Noise

Annoyance is defined as a feeling of displeasure evoked by noise. Noise annoyance is associated with depression, anxiety, sleep disturbances, learning disabilities.

Other scientific organizations site Noise Annoyance as a major negative effect of noise. And that noise annoyance is a multi-faceted psychological concept, including behavioral, emotional and evaluative aspects. These are inequalities that Milwaukee County has created for all residents within miles of this location.

Plus property value impacts. This is like living next to an airport. What is the value of the homes closest to the airport? People moved next to that. Unlike this, Milwaukee County put it here without protecting the surrounding areas.

Think about the extent of harm and annoyance that is occurring. Would you want to live next to this? Even if you love baseball or live music. When you have company over or a child sleeping and you can't turn the noise off or down for hours, how would you feel?

People can't enjoy sitting on patios or being outdoors. This public nuisance has negatively impacted people's behavior. Like not inviting people over because of the annoying noise. And not spending time outside because it is an annoyance even to garden. Even during a pandemic being unable to truly enjoy the outside area which was so important during this challenging time. But even when forced to stay inside to try and avoid excessive noise, it still requires turning the TV louder to hear over the live bands and announcers broadcasting noise at residential areas.

Plus so many other things that people that don't live around this place refuse to think about. Or that neighbors are unable to have windows open from May to November because of the noise intrusion into homes. Windows are closed just to try and help reduce the noise. It is an annoyance throughout spring into late fall.

Fund the sound study. The sound study that was promised and required in 2017.

If Milwaukee County has \$45 million to fund a new museum. Doesn't the County have enough to do the right thing, the sound study which has been committed to since 2017?

Please approve the funding for the Sound study. How many times do citizens have to fight to get this approved and then nothing is done? Citizens for miles are asking AGAIN that it be done, No more delays. This is a quality of life issue the County created.