

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 16, 2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Parks Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Domes Reimagined Campaign

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes, there is no request at this time.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County Parks has worked collaboratively with the Friends of the Domes on a campaign to reimagine the Mitchell Park Domes. This campaign has the potential to fix the Domes and make them sustainable. It is based upon a historic rehabilitation of the Domes that would be funded with a capital campaign that significantly leverages a County capital funding commitment with private philanthropy and tax credit financing. The project introduces new uses to the Domes while, in its initial phase, expanding services within the existing building footprint and growing the facility in a future second phase.

Related File No's:	22-697, 23-666, 23-787
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions – Focused investment in Mitchell Park supports a high equity need park.
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability – A proposed funding agreement with the Friends of the Domes would limit the County’s financial commitment to approximately 1/3 of the total project cost while leveraging the remaining 2/3 cost from outside sources.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

FISCAL EFFECT

None at this time, this informational report is intended to generate conversation and get feedback around a proposed cost sharing agreement for Domes repairs.

TERMS

None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Christa Beall Diefenbach, Executive Director, Friends of the Domes
christa.fod@milwaukeedomes.org

PREPARED BY:

Jim Tarantino, Deputy Director, Milwaukee County Parks

APPROVED BY:

Guy Smith, Executive Director Milwaukee County Parks *Guy D. Smith*

ATTACHMENTS:

CC:

David Crowley, County Executive
Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office
Sheldon Wasserman, Committee on Parks & Culture Chairperson
Steve Taylor, Committee on Parks & Culture Vice Chairperson
Felesia Martin, Committee on Parks & Culture Member
Juan Miguel Martinez, Committee on Parks & Culture Member
Jack Eckblad, Committee on Parks & Culture Member
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Mgr, Office of the County Clerk
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Joseph Lamers, Fiscal & Budget Director, DAS
Vince Masterson, Fiscal & Strategic Asset Coordinator, DAS
Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, Comptroller's Office
Justin Rodriguez, Capital Finance Analyst, Comptroller's Office
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Office of the County Clerk
Anthony Rux, Budget & Management Analyst, DAS-PSB