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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting approval of 2019 Spring sPark Matching Funds with Bublr Bikes, Friends of Cooper Park, Friends of Wehr Park, Hunger Task Force, Park People, Sheridan Park Friends, and The Ability Center in the total amount of \$116,293 for projects that enhance parks amenities and facilities, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Parks Amenities Matching Fund (PAMF) was established by File No. 94-541 on June 16, 1994, to provide matching funds for monies raised by a third party for the repair or enhancement of existing park facilities and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Adopted Budget provided an appropriation of \$216,680 to the PAMF; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) wants to encourage more third party groups throughout Milwaukee County to learn about and use the PAMF, and has renamed it sPark Matching Fund to bring new attention to the fund; and

WHEREAS, Bublr Bikes (Bublr) is executing a project that will consist of the installation of five accessible bikes for the bike share system in Wisconsin Avenue Park, with Bublr providing all the station components necessary for a fully functional station, along with engagement efforts to help promote the accessible bicycles; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Cooper Park would like to plant and maintain a site that is approximately 15 feet by 30 feet of native plants, including forbs, grasses, and sedges appropriate for the selected site, to attract pollinators to the restored habitat in which they may live, thrive, and multiply, all while bringing neighbors together to enhance and enjoy Cooper Park; and

WHEREAS, through the process of executing reconstruction projects at Wehr Nature Center in Whitnall Park, outdated, non-functioning phone systems were exposed, making known the building’s non-compliance with current building codes, and making it more economical to run the cabling required for voice and data now while the ceilings are open, rather than to wait and reopen the ceilings; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Fish Hatchery barn roof at the Hunger Task Force Farm, located at 9000 South 68th Street, Franklin. Wisconsin 53132 was evaluated, and it was noted that the asphalt shingles were deteriorated and needed to be replaced within the next five years, and that silo repairs were also needed; and

46 WHEREAS, in partnership with the DPRC concessions team, the Park People
47 have committed to help support necessary upgrades to the beer garden space at
48 Humboldt Park, formerly used by St. Francis Brewery, and bring the area up to DPRC
49 standards and needs, including working on the landscaping, décor, lighting, sound
50 system, furniture, and signage; and
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52 WHEREAS, the eradication of non-native plant species along the Sheridan Park
53 bluffs would allow for native plant species to reestablish, and Sheridan Park Friends will
54 monitor for reoccurrences and schedule weed-outs as necessary, reducing the
55 non-native populations and supplementing native reestablishment with individual
56 plantings; and
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58 WHEREAS, the Lagoon Restoration Project is a multi-phased project along the
59 shoreline of the Sheridan Park Lagoon to remove existing cattails, replacing a portion of
60 them with reeds, and other native plant species, while Sheridan Park Friends continue
61 to monitor the results of these efforts using an adaptive management approach; and
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63 WHEREAS, ramps at Bradford Beach would connect visitors in wheelchairs to
64 the edge of Lake Michigan, ensuring that Bradford Beach can be available for all to
65 enjoy with up to a 100 foot by 12 foot, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, paved
66 ramp, a 12 foot by 20 foot landing at the bottom, and the additional, seasonal beach
67 matting necessary to allow those with mobility impairments to reach the water; and
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69 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
70 May 14, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-444 as amended (vote 5-0); now,
71 therefore,
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73 **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks Amenities Matching Fund is renamed the**
74 **sPark Matching Fund; and**
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76 BE IT **FURTHER** RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
77 (DPRC) is hereby authorized to award a \$5,000 sPark Matching Fund award (sPark
78 award) to Bublr Bikes to support an accessible bike share station in Wisconsin Avenue
79 Park; and
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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$550
82 sPark award to the Friends of Cooper Park to support a pollinator garden in Cooper
83 Park; and
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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$20,500
86 sPark award to the Friends of Wehr to support the Voice and Data Improvement Project
87 at Wehr Nature Center in Whitnall Park; and
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89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$31,993
90 sPark award to the Hunger Task Force to support replacement of the barn roof and silo
91 improvements at 9000 S. 68th Street, Franklin, Wisconsin 53132; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$33,000 sPark award to the Park People of Milwaukee County to support renovations to the beer garden in Humboldt Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$2,500 sPark award to the Sheridan Park Friends to support invasive species removal in Sheridan Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$2,750 sPark award to the Sheridan Park Friends to support lagoon restoration in Sheridan Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$20,000 sPark award to The Ability Center to support accessible beach ramps at Bradford Beach.

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