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From the Executive Director, Parks Department seeking approval of sPark Matching Fund Fall 2019 requests from; Artists Working in Education, Doctors Park Friends, Lake Park Friends, Mujeres con Poder de Transformacion Social/Core el Centro, The Park People, and the Whitnall Park Rotary Club, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Artists Working in Education is engaging the community by painting murals with professional artists and local youth in Rose, Smith, and Moody Parks to enhance the respective parks, and create nature-themed, aesthetically pleasing additions to Rose, Smith, and Moody Parks; and

WHEREAS, due to natural erosion, the central staircase at Doctors Park is deteriorating, causing safety concerns and limited access, and Doctors Park Friends are leading the fundraising effort and renovation of the stairs with new concrete, the straightening and leveling of steps, and new railings, hardware, and posts to the nearly 90-year-old stairway, all while protecting the surrounding native woodland plants and deterring any future social trails; and

WHEREAS, the rustic wooden bridge in the Locust Street Ravine at Lake Park has historically been a connection between two popular parts of Lake Park, and a prized location for bird and native planting enthusiasts, consequently the Lake Park Friends have been leading fundraising efforts and will hire approved contractors to replace the bridge to improve accessibility for all in Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, beautification and promotional efforts are underway to increase recreational use of Kosciuszko Park by Mujeres con Poder de Transformacion Social, through Core el Centro, including the addition of recycling bins and educational signage in Spanish language, helping increase informed and healthy use of Kosciuszko Park; and

WHEREAS, the windows at the pavilion in Wisconsin Avenue Park are in need of replacement, and the Park People of Milwaukee County would like to assist in replacing them in a manner that is up to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture’s standards; and

WHEREAS, the Whitnall Park Rotary Club has identified improvements for the rock garden at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park, including the installation of permeable pavers, bridge replacement, and the creation of a pondless basin, which would increase Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility and attendance to Boerner Botanical Gardens, as well as create cleaner and more efficient water use practices; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of  
47 October 29, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-780 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,  
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is  
50 hereby authorized to award a \$4,000 sPark Matching Fund Award (sPark Award) to  
51 Artists Working in Education to support pathway murals in Rose, Smith, and Moody  
52 Parks; and  
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$20,775  
55 sPark Award to Doctors Park Friends to support renovation of the central staircase to  
56 the beach at Doctors Park; and  
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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$22,072  
59 sPark Award to Lake Park Friends to support the replacement of the rustic wooden  
60 bridge in the Locust Street Ravine at Lake Park; and  
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$4,890  
63 sPark Matching Fund award to Mujeres con Poder de Transformacion Social, through  
64 Core el Centro, to support the addition of recycling bins in Kosciuszko Park; and  
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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$612  
67 sPark Matching Fund award to the Park People of Milwaukee County to support window  
68 replacement in the pavilion at Wisconsin Avenue Park; and  
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is hereby authorized to award a \$48,031  
71 sPark Award to Whitnall Park Rotary Club to support rock garden improvements at  
72 Boerner Botanical Gardens at Whitnall Park.  
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