



March Board Cycle

Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: February 19, 2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Wilson Park Car Garden File# 21-119 (INFO)**

Issue

File #21-119 requested a status update in the March Parks, Energy and Environment Committee on the progress of negotiations toward a completed agreement with the 27th Street Business Improvement District for construction, operation, and maintenance of a garden at Wilson Park.

Background

The 27th Street Business Improvement District (BID) has proposed a garden improvement to an area of Wilson Park north of the Wilson Senior Center. The proposal was submitted through Parks project proposal process and was rejected. Subsequently File #21-119 was adopted requesting that the Parks Department work with the 27th Street Business Improvement District toward an agreement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the garden.

Park staff met with the Executive Director of the 27th Street BID to outline impacts of the project and a path forward. Parks staff recommended a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment be completed prior to progress on negotiations or significant investment by the BID. Departmental experience with third party projects has informed this as an important first step to quantify hurdles and needed investment. Results from a Phase 1 assessment will also inform the type of agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and the Business Improvement District.

Recommendation

This item is for informational purposes and no action is required.



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Attachments

- File #21-119 Resolution

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- Sheldon Wasserman, Parks, Energy & Environment Chair, Supervisor District 3
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