

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 203

Approved May 17, 2021

WHEREAS, The U.S. House Appropriations Committee has announced that they will be accepting Community project funding requests for Fiscal year 2022; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative David Cicilline (D-1) and U.S. Representative James R. Langevin (D-2) have engaged and encouraged the City of Providence to apply for Community Project Funding that support specific projects, in districts that they represent; and

WHEREAS The City of Providence is predominately low to moderate income as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (62.83%). Within the Silver Lake neighborhood, more than 51% of neighborhood residents qualify as low to moderate income, and 24% of the population lives below the poverty line; and

WHEREAS, Neutaconkanut Park, located in the City of Providence's Silver Lake Neighborhood, within Congressional District Two, would benefit from repurposing the existing park elements combined with new construction, would create a dynamic, inclusive, and iconic playground and park for residents of Silver Lake; and

WHEREAS, Neutaconkanut Park is historically significant to the Mashapaug Tribe, who participate regularly in events celebrating the space's history and importance to the indigenous people who historically occupied the land; and

WHEREAS, Neutaconkanut Park has been designated as part of the Sowams Heritage Area, with the goal of preserving the space as an open space resource and fostering increased awareness of the cultural heritage of the site; and

WHEREAS, If selected for the Economic Development Initiative Community Project funding, funds will be used to revitalize the ballfield and replace the aging playground with a fully inclusive play space for all visitors, that includes challenging and unique state of the art ADA accessible equipment, improvements to circulation and green infrastructure that connects children and families to the natural resources and recreation activities in Neutaconkanut Park; and

WHEREAS, The City is prepared, as part of the Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding application and approval process, to fully engage the community for support and collaboration; and



WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the citizens of the City of Providence that an application be made for the Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding to undertake these improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby supports the administrations application to the Economic Development Initiative Community Project Fund, to be reviewed by the U.S. House Appropriations, for purposes of receiving funds to improve Neutaconkanut Park.


IN CITY COUNCIL

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I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor
Date: 5/17/21