

**From:** [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#)  
**To:** [Reid, Candice D. - Clerk's Office](#)  
**Cc:** [Bond, Aaron A. - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RVA Resident A. Burnley Re: Comments for Ordinance 2021, 230 / Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:16:13 PM

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For public comment on [Ord. No. 2021-230](#). Thanks

**Kristen Nye Larson**

Richmond City Council Member, 4th district

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**From:** ANNE BURNLEY [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 2:45 PM

**To:** Larson, Kristen N. - City Council [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Kristen N. Larson [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RVA Resident A. Burnley Re: Comments for Ordinance 2021, 230 / Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021

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Dear Councilwoman Larson,

Attached, you will find a letter with my thoughts about the Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Game & Inland Fisheries, "Urban Archery Program" and big game hunting with high powered archery equipment and razor arrows on private property within the boundaries of the City of Richmond, Virginia.

I hope you can include my letter in support of Ordinance 2021, 230 during the scheduled, Tuesday, September 21, 2012 meeting of the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee.

Thank you.

With Regards,

Anne B. Burnley

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**From:** Brooks Whitten  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** In support of the Mayor's plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:29:30 PM

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Council members,

I am a resident of the 4th district, and am represented by the Honorable Kristen Larson. I'm writing today to show my support of Mayor Stoney's plan, and specifically how great of an investment it is in the park system.

Richmond continues to be hailed as a river city, and draws huge numbers of visitors to the James River Park System year after year. What better way to showcase our awesome city and its fantastic parks and green spaces than by investing in them!

Thank you,  
Brooks Whitten

**From:** Patrick Fanning  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support for ARPA Funding use for Parks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 4:32:15 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

Please support the Mayor's proposed use of ARPA funding for Parks and Recreation! The proposed \$78 million for parks and community centers will be a transformational and long overdue shot in the arm to a department that does so much for our community with so few resources. In particular, funding should be targeted to the James River Park system, the City's most visited attraction that is chronically woefully underfunded.

Best,

Patrick

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Patrick J. Fanning



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Larson, Kristen N. - City Council](#); [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Support of funding for RVA Parks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 5:43:29 PM

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I am writing in support of the Mayor's funding plan for affordable housing and health equity, with the plan directing \$78 million towards parks and community centers. These are the places where people have meaningful, healthy connections with each other and the environment and make our City a better place for everyone. I have been a City of Richmond park volunteer for over 2 decades, and feel that this is an area that is desperately underfunded.

Thank you for your consideration. Laura Dysart, 4th district City of Richmond resident

**From:** Ernest Wilson  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Mayors plan for parks and community centers  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:07:27 PM

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I support the mayor's plan for parks and community centers.

Ernest Wilson

from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** Christian Rector  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office; Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council](#)  
**Subject:** James River Park Master Plan Funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:02:32 PM

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Hello Richmond City Council,

As someone who has recently moved to Richmond, it is very exciting to see such an active community focused around what the James River and it's parks have to offer. I am very much in support of funding to achieve goals put forth in the James River Park System Master Plan.

Access and conservation for these parks I believe are important to the community as a way to enjoy the city. I personally am a white water kayaker and it is amazing to have this River accessible. Increasing accessibility for all types of people, whether they want to enjoy the River on water or land is important for well-being.

I was very impressed by the scale and how thorough the Master Plan is and any funding for it I think would go a long way to making this city even more of a gem.

Thank You  
Christian Rector

**From:** Ralph Grove  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for City Council  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:17:20 PM

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Dear City Council:

I urge you to support the Mayor's funding plan for allocating American Rescue Plan funds. In particular, I support funding for parks and recreation, including the James River Park System, which is an important part of our community.

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Ralph Grove



**From:** Mary-Helen Sullivan  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** funds for parks and recreation centers  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021 9:23:06 PM

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I support Mayor Stoney's plans to spend a large sum of the federal money to boost Richmond's green spaces and recreation centers. These are community goods; they benefit all of us; they encourage our spending time outdoors and lead to greater health both of the environment and of ourselves.



**From:** Bruce Swanson  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Vote in favor of ARP funds going to JRPS  
**Date:** Friday, September 24, 2021 10:22:28 PM

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The park system is one of RVA's best features and should be well funded in order to make the city an even better place to live and work. Thanks.

**From:** Bruno Swan  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** ARP and JRPS  
**Date:** Friday, September 24, 2021 10:24:27 PM

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The park system is one of RVA's best features and should be well funded in order to make the city an even better place to live and work. Thanks.

**From:** Bruno Swan  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** JRPS funding from ARP Grant  
**Date:** Friday, September 24, 2021 10:26:12 PM

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The park system is one of RVA's best features and should be well funded in order to make the city an even better place to live and work. Thanks.

**From:** Rebecca Thomas  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** I support the \$78 million for the parks  
**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 2:18:35 PM

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I'd like every penny of that allocation to go to Richmond's parks.  
I'm a resident and homeowner.

Rebecca Thomas  
*I teach permanent weight loss*



**From:** Debbie Corritone  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office](#)  
**Subject:** Columbus statue disposition  
**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2021 5:51:07 PM

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Good day members of the City Council.

My name is Deborah Corritone and I am a member of the Italian American Cultural Association of Virginia.  
Do you like Italian food???

There....I hope to have grabbed your attention!!!!

I have worked diligently at the monument's home at the entrance of Byrd park for the last 8 years.

What I have seen evolve over these years is a continuous contribution of our members' hard work as well donations of plants from their own back yards to beautify the site as well as make it a small Italian Garden.

Next time you drive into Byrd Park circle around the round-about. You will see rosemary bushes and 2 fig trees, as well as many flowering trees and bushes from our yards.

The Columbus site has been very important to us to keep the entrance to one of the important sites in the City of Richmond looking beautiful.

Please allow us to take possession of the statue so that we can find a home for it in the future.

Regards,  
Debbie Corritone

**From:** Valerie  
**To:** [City Clerk's Office: Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office](#)  
**Subject:** ARPA: parks, housing, and safety  
**Date:** Monday, September 27, 2021 9:51:54 AM

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Dear members of Richmond City Council:

I write to ask you to support spending ARPA funds in the following ways:

I ask you to spend to improve the city's vital green spaces, including our city's treasure, the James River and its park system.

I ask you to fully fund support for families to care for their children, including child care, stable and safe housing, parks, community centers, and safe access to recreation and nature.

I hope we will spend money to beautify those areas of the city we have too long ignored, so all residents may take pride in their neighborhoods, wherever they may live; and so these neighborhoods can be a respite from stress, with sufficient tree and greenspace coverage to reduce heat islands and mitigate storm runoff.

Clearly, spending ARPA funds on greener infrastructure, weatherization of homes, lead line abatement, and stormwater capacity (and maintenance!) is important. We must protect people's lives and property, as well as shield the James River from pollutants, as climate change impacts effect our city and natural resources.

I hope to see us increase the capacity and liveability of our low-income housing stock, and hope it is developed in ways that are informed and lead by those who will live there, and to maximize opportunities for families to gain access to amenities that many in Richmond take for granted, such as schools, transportation, healthy affordable food, libraries, doctors' offices, and parks. I also hope that we consider issues such as the social determinants of health, to also include tree coverage and greenspace to reduce heat islands.

Finally, I ask that you support public safety initiatives, especially those that affect our most vulnerable citizens: gun violence, and traffic safety. Richmond, VA should follow the lead of Richmond, CA, which has successfully reduced gun violence through innovative initiatives. We don't need to reinvent the wheel, and can learn from their example what works to reduce interpersonal violence.

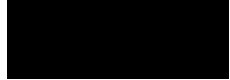
We should also spend meaningfully to fix Richmond's terrible road designs that lead to injuries and deaths by traffic. As someone who tries to walk and bike the city as much as I can, I am intimately familiar with how dangerous our streets and intersections are. Even a person in a car cannot navigate many intersections safely, due to the many blind intersections where vehicles stopped at a stop sign from a side street must venture into a roadway they cannot see due to cars parked up to the intersection--into traffic that is invariably speeding (with drivers often on their phones). (We also do not enforce speed limits and thus people

drive way too fast.) These dangers especially impact those who do not have cars or cannot drive and have no choice but to navigate these dangerous roadways on foot or bike. We should turn high-pedestrian intersections (such as those at Belvidere with Franklin, Main, and Cary) into "scramble" or diagonal intersections, where all cars must fully stop as pedestrians cross. Recently, a person was killed at an intersection just a few blocks from my home. A stop light there--where cars typically speed way faster than the speed limit-- could have saved a life. We must commit to fixing our dangerous streets, to slowing traffic, and to making other forms of travel more convenient and safe enough that those who can will choose these. (And for bus travel: I've been shocked at how little we provide in terms of a place to sit out of the weather. In other cities, bus stops have at least a small shelter. Here, many stops do not even offer a bench or an overhang.)

If we use our ARPA funds to fix some of this infrastructure, we should use our general funds to increase the frequency of our street cleaning. In other cities, street cleaning takes place once or twice a week. Here we are lucky if streets are cleaned once or twice a year. (And since we almost never clean streets, we don't have good signage to alert people--and then we tow their cars, enriching the tow companies but burdening those already struggling to meet necessities). In the meantime, debris builds up, blocking sewer drains (try navigating the lakes that build around storm drains in some neighborhoods--even worse when frozen in winter!) and making the bike lanes (where debris invariably comes to rest) hazardous.

thank you,

Valerie L'Herrou





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Richmond?

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**BEE HIVE**

**BARBEQUE GRILL AND PICNIC TABLES**

**EATABLE GARDEN**

**GEOLOGY DISPLAY**

**BIKE REPAIR SHOP AND ATTEND OUR BIKE RACES**

**STREAM SIDE TRAIL WITH BENCHES**

**MEMORIAL GARDEN**

**ATHLETIC FIELD**

