



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2019-267: To amend Ord. No. 2019-043, adopted May 13, 2019, which (i) accepted a program of proposed Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and the four fiscal years thereafter, (ii) adopted a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and (iii) determined a means of financing the same, to modify the purpose of the East District Park Transformation project in the Culture and Recreation category to provide that such project consists of ongoing improvements to parks and recreational facilities within the Seventh Council District, including, but not limited to, the sites of Oakwood Park, Ethel Bailey Furman Park, Lucks Field/Fairmont, and Woodville.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: October 7, 2019

PETITIONER

Christopher Frelke, Director Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

LOCATION

Parks and recreational facilities within the Seventh Council District, including, but not limited to, the sites of Oakwood Park, Ethel Bailey Furman Park, Lucks Field/Fairmont, and Woodville.

PURPOSE

To amend the FY2020 Capital Improvement Budget – East District Park Transformation by amending the description and scope to include improvements to additional parks and facilities within the 7th District. The current CIP budget describes improvements to four (4) parks; Oakwood Park, Ethel Bailey Furman Park, Lucks Field/Fairmont, and Woodville.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The East District Park Transformation Capital Improvement Project was initially included in the FY 2017 Capital Budget. The proposed improvements would provide enhanced recreational opportunities at four (4) parks for the residents of the East District and would include resurfacing sports courts, installation of play and fitness equipment, construction of shelters and providing benches, trash cans and other amenities. This paper will amend the description and scope to include other park sites within the 7th District.

Due to the redevelopment of the Armstrong High School property and parkland to mixed-use housing, this request was for improvements to existing Parks and Recreation facilities in the East District. The sites originally identified were Woodville, Oakwood Park, Ethel Bailey Furman and Lucks Field/Fairmont. With the exception of the Ethel Bailey Furman site which is included as a part of the new George Mason Elementary School construction project, improvements have been made at Oakwood Park and Lucks Field/Fairmont. There is sufficient funding to complete projects at both of these sites as well as the Woodville site. However, there are other sites within the 7th District that require improvements that could be supported with any remaining East District Park

Transformation funding. This paper will expand the project scope to include funding for improvements to other park sites in order to provide for the growing population with the 7th District.

City Administration recommends approval of the amendment request.

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