

INTRODUCED: March 22, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-079

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation; to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities called the Bellemeade Park Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility Special Fund; and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Bellemeade Park Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility Special Fund by \$150,000.00 for the purpose of funding the design, permitting, and construction of an outdoor classroom at Bellemeade Park located at 1800 Krouse Street in the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 12 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for the purpose of funding the design, permitting, and construction of an outdoor classroom at Bellemeade Park located at 1800 Krouse Street in the city of Richmond.

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: APR 12 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

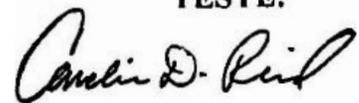
2. That Ordinance No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by creating a new special fund for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities called the Bellemeade Park Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility Special Fund for the purpose of funding the design, permitting, and construction of an outdoor classroom at Bellemeade Park located at 1800 Krouse Street in the city of Richmond.

§ 3. That Ordinance No. 2020-050, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$150,000.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities' Bellemeade Park Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility Special Fund by \$150,000.00 for the purpose of funding the design, permitting, and construction of an outdoor classroom at Bellemeade Park located at 1800 Krouse Street in the city of Richmond.

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: February 10, 2021 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor *L.M.S.*

THROUGH: Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer *JELS*

THROUGH: John Wack, Director of Finance *Jaw*

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director of Budget & Strategic Planning *JAB*

THROUGH: Reginald E. Gordon, DCAO for Human Services *REG*

FROM: Christopher Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities *CF*

RE: Acceptance and Appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 to be used to complete the construction of an Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility at Bellemeade Park.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Acting Chief Administrative Officer to accept and appropriate a state grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF)

REASON: The City of Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (DPRCF) is seeking approval to receive a grant award in the amount of \$150,000 from the State of Virginia. This grant is administered by the Virginia Outdoor Foundation and will be used for the design, permitting and construction costs associated with the establishment of an outdoor educational classroom at Bellemeade Park. The park is located on the city's southside next to Bellemeade Community Center

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that these grant funds be appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Special Fund Budget and amend ordinance 2020-050, by creating a new special fund line item titled " Bellemeade Park Outdoor Educational Classroom Facility."

BACKGROUND: In recent years, Bellemeade Park has been transformed into a thriving green space in an under-served part of South Richmond. Through the work of DPRCF, an extremely active Friends of Bellemeade Park group, Groundwork RVA and the efforts of other volunteer groups this park has undergone major improvements. These improvements include a network of walking and biking trails, a native plant garden, a working neighborhood bike repair shop, bird house installations, honeybee hive installation, streambed restoration and invasive plant removal projects, among others. This location was identified as an ideal setting for an outdoor educational classroom facility. This facility will be available for use by Richmond Public Schools (RPS) teachers, DPRCF outdoor educational programmers as well as other partner organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: While the exact final cost is not yet known, the expected cost for the facility is expected to not exceed \$150,000

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The acceptance of this award will allow DPRCF to complete the design and construction of the outdoor classroom facility at Bellemeade Park.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes, Amendment to the Special Fund Ordinance No. 2020-050

REVENUE TO CITY: \$150,000

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: March 22, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 12, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Education and Humans Services Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: N/A

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Virginia Outdoors Foundation Award Letter

STAFF: Deborah Morton, Deputy Director – Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities



December 9, 2020

Mr. Michael Burton
City of Richmond Parks & Recreation
1209 Admiral Street
Richmond, VA 23220

RE: Confirmation of Award letter for the City of Richmond "Outdoor Classroom" project

Dear Mr. Burton:

Please accept this letter as confirmation that the Virginia Outdoors Foundation has awarded up to \$150,000 from the Open-Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund to establish an "outdoor classroom" to serve the City of Richmond's school district. This project originally involved a proposal for the City of Richmond to transfer 4.804 acres, more or less, to the Enrichmond Foundation, which would then place an easement on the property and use the proceeds of the grant to develop it as an outdoor classroom.

The \$150,000 award is available for the purchase of an easement on 4.804 acres and the related the acquisition costs up the amount of the grant. The grant funds will be paid out when an easement is recorded in favor of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna G. Chisholm", is written over a horizontal line.

Anna G. Chisholm
Administrative Director