

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.23	ACTION			Ward: 17
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Pleasant View Participatory Budgeting Projects - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Robin Buxton Potts

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Robin Buxton Potts, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the 2022-2031 Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to create a new capital sub-project known as Pleasant View Participatory Budgeting Projects, with a project cost and cash flow of \$0.38 million in 2023, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 2135 Sheppard Avenue East and 299 Yorkland Boulevard (Source Account: XR3022-3701186) for the purpose of implementing local capital improvements decided using Participatory Budgeting.
2. City Council amend the 2022-2031 Approved Capital Budget and Plan for Transportation Services to create a new capital sub-project known as Pleasant View Participatory Budgeting Project, with a project cost and cash flow of \$0.12 million in 2023, fully funded by Section 37 funds obtained from the development at 2135 Sheppard Avenue East and 299 Yorkland Boulevard (Source Account: XR3022-3701186) for the purpose of implementing public realm improvements along Sheppard Avenue East.

Summary

Participatory Budgeting is a system of direct democracy where residents suggest and then vote on how public funds are spent within their community. In December 2021, the local Councillor initiated a Participatory Budgeting process in the Pleasant View community by hosting an Information Session and Ideas Generation Meeting. Local residents suggested over 50 project ideas which were then evaluated by City Staff in Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Transportation Services to assess costs and determine feasibility.

In spring 2022, the local Councillor advertised the May 7, 2022 Participatory Budgeting Vote Day through various channels, including over 6,000 mailed flyers. Hundreds of votes were cast and the following projects were successful:

1. \$200,000 to enhance and revitalize the Clydesdale Park Playground;
2. \$30,000 to add pollinator gardens to at least two parks in the Pleasant View Community;

3. \$150,000 to build a cabana and seating in Muirhead Park; and
4. \$115,000 to improve the public realm along the north side of Sheppard Avenue East, between Bards Walkway and Victoria Park Avenue with greenery, seating, and street furniture.

Background Information (City Council)

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