

South Bend

2016 Civil City Budget – proposed

Items of Inquiry needing more information:

Parks & Recreation Department

- Requests/questions from the September 23 2015 Personnel and Finance Committee meeting and inquires received thereafter:
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1. Slide # 5: Provide more detailed information on the “Made Men” Program which is in its 2nd year – benchmarks, measurable outcomes, challenges, goals, etc. Are transportation needs being addressed for access/vans? (Henry Davis) **Attached is an Annual Report for Made Men which outlines facts, results, and desired outcomes. Transportation needs are currently being reviewed and will continue to be discussed to find solutions to meet the needs of the program.**
 2. Update on the park bond: how decisions are being made, how are decision tied to the Park Master Plan (Henry Davis) **Park bond expenditures are based on priorities determined by citizens, user organizations, stakeholders, and city administrators. The Park Master Plan clearly demonstrates the many capital and deferred maintenance needs throughout the entire park system. It also illustrates the need for various types of programming that point our funding initiatives to the items listed on our “short list” of the more than \$30. Million worth of upgrades described in the park master plan.**
 3. When can discussions begin with representatives of the South Bend Community School Corporation on establishing collaborative talks on usage of gyms, pools, etc. (Henry Davis) **There have always been discussions regarding shared use of both school and park facilities with SBCSC. It would be nice to have more access to the school facilities but we have to recognize that programs run through the school corporation often use their facilities at the same time that the parks department would run their programs. There is also a cost associated with bringing in custodians when opening up a facility for either parks or schools. Parks are not opposed to having further talks with schools regarding shared usage but recognize we are currently doing shared usage to some degree.**
 4. Updated status on Miracle Park and projected timetable of next steps, if any. (Karen White) **We are currently looking at the land that is adjacent to the Belleville Softball Complex given we have all the basic infrastructure in place at Bellville. A small land acquisition will need to occur and we are currently negotiating that at this time. There are private sector representatives that are actively fundraising approximately 50% of the nearly \$400,000. Cost to construct the facility. We would like to have funding and land ownership in place by next spring so that construction could take place immediately following.**

5. Elbel Golf Course: status update and projected timetable of any anticipated action by the Board of Park Commissioners, BPW, SBCC, etc. (Derek Dieter) The appraisal and survey have just been completed for the golf course. I have not seen the numbers yet but should know very soon. The plan is to assess the numbers and determine if the course will be put on the market for sale. The sale would have to be authorized by the park board and the city council. Advertising for bids could take place as early as the October Park Board meeting.
6. Charles Black Center: What means of getting updates out to the residents are being used? How can they be improved? (Henry Davis) We are planning a neighborhood meeting once we have all our details and approvals completed. We are very close to arranging a meeting with the neighbors at La Salle Park regarding the upgrades at the Charles Black Center.
7. Park Rangers: are the protocol changes addressing the public safety concerns on park properties? (Karen White) As you know the Rangers no longer carry side arms. With this change, part of our revised protocol has been working in two man teams during evening park patrols. Our duty manual requires that all park rangers must contact SBPD whenever any sign of criminal activity is occurring in our city parks. I believe our parks are generally safe and very active regarding all leisure activities. However, items of concern are limited to excessive drinking of alcohol, late night criminal activity, graffiti, and homeless camps in the parks.
8. Graffiti update requested with statistics, costs, enforcement of local regulations/results. (Karen White) Currently the Graffiti Abatement Program continues to remove all graffiti from private and public property free of charge within the City of South Bend. In 2015 program costs are budgeted at \$92,050. 74% of all graffiti reports are generated by the removal crew who also has the ability to issue citations through Code Enforcement. In 2013 they removed graffiti from 570 sites, 568 sites in 2014, and a YTD of 269 in 2015. Currently we have a 7.5% retag rate which is considered very successful for the national 10% retag rate that cities our size see as successful. In addition to our 24 hr response time for gang and vulgar graffiti, we also update the SBPD graffiti database and interface directly with Pat Hechliniski in Crime prevention and Officer Kyle Dombrowski. Any fee based enforcement of regulations are handled by Code Enforcement.
9. Recreation Centers: What is the timetable & costs for air conditioning? (Karen White) Currently O'Brien, King, and Charles Black have air cooling units ranging from roof top units to wall mounted systems. Using Park Bond funds we are planning for the 2016 installation of air conditioning in the gymnasiums at Charles Black (\$55,000) and King Center (\$90,000). These figures are estimations until the designs are back for the individual locations. We are scheduling to have them installed in the beginning of the 2nd quarter for 2016.
10. Recreation Centers: What is the timetable and costs for IT upgrades? (Henry Davis) * Please see Ron O'Connor's remarks Overall IT upgrades for the recreation centers will costs approximately \$17,000. These upgrades consist of WIFI for each center at an approximate cost of \$9,800. In addition, Charles Black Center (CBC) is in need of improvements for a multi-media

center at a projected cost of \$6,200, plus the need for two more printers costing at a cost of \$500 each. WIFI upgrades will be targeted to complete by year end 2015 with the Multi-media center slated to be completed 1st quarter 2016.

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ANNUAL REPORT

THE PRESCRIPTION TO END VIOLENCE AND CHANGE LIVES

OUR OBJECTIVE

Made Men is a movement, created for the youth in our community. We focus on principles, hope, motivation, insight, and rules by which one should live. With love, support, and teaching, we are birthing a new generation of leaders that stand firm on a solid foundation.

In November of 2014, the Made movement was initiated at the center with two pilot programs in area high schools. This program focuses on self-improvement, life skills, leadership skills, financial independence, building productive relationships, and being “alive and free”.

OUR STAFF

Maurice Scott – MLK Center Director

Jason Jordan – Program Coordinator, MADE Program

Cedrick Joseph-Pauline – Program Coordinator, MADE Program

OUR METHODS

FACTS

- 5K+ Number of people reached annually through groups and presentations in schools, the juvenile justice system, colleges, community organizations and community events.
- 3k+ Number of students participated in Power Jams
- 6 Power Jams held in the schools and community
- 240 Number of students served weekly during school year
- 2 Number of High Schools presently hosting weekly meetings
- 50 Number of youth participants in summer internship program
- 6 Number of workshops and trainings completed in the community
- 20 Special events and social outings for teens hosted in the community

OUR RESULTS

FACTS

- *Thousands of young people Alive and Free
- *Graduation rates increasing
- *Number of occurrences of violent acts in school decreasing
- *Collaborative program started with JJC
- *2 more SBCSC schools added to weekly meetings
- *Weekly meals served to teens at weekly meetings at King Center

OUR DESIRED OUTCOMES

- *Increase the number of high school graduates in the schools we service by 5%
- *Increase the number of high school graduates that go on to college
- *Have a 90% or better college graduation rate
- *Continue to reduce violence in the schools we service
- *Become part of all SBCSC High schools by 2016-2017 school year
- *Create opportunities for youth to go on more educational field trips
- *Create college visitation trips