



Common Council 2024 Budget Hearing #1

Venues, Parks, & Arts
August 30, 2023



2024 Department Goals

- Building Social Capital
- Increase programmatic efforts
- Finalize our 5-year Strategic Plan
- Pursuit of CAPRA re-accreditation
- Continued Focus on inclusivity and community wellness
- Complete our Capital Projects
- Expand our Arts Infrastructure
- Emphasis on staff development and training opportunities



What Drives US Forward

The City's mission: "We deliver services that empower everyone to thrive" and our values:

Excellence – Accountability – Innovation – Inclusion – Empowerment

Venues, Parks, & Arts' mission inspires a more livable South Bend for all, connecting us to emotionally engaging experiences and to one another" and our impact drivers:

Social Equity- Neighborhood & Economic Impact – Health & Wellness – Ecological Stewardship



Parks Fund 201

- Salaries/ Wages Rise ~ 2-3% annually
- SB Alive Grants
- POET program

- Add New FTE:
 - Head Custodian
 - Program Coordinator (MLK)
 - General Laborer
 - Group Leader (LaSalle Park)



Division Structure

- Facilities & Grounds
- Development & Marketing
- Venues
- Community Recreation & Events
- Golf



Capital Projects

- MLK Dream Center
- Seitz Park (MY SB Parks & Trail Project)
- Morris 100
- Four Winds Field Expansion
- 35 Street Wetlands
- Potawatomi Park & Conservatories
- Kennedy Park



Questions?