



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: 11/20/2023

FROM: Patrick Sherman, Project Manager, Public Works

SUBJECT: LaSalle Park Improvements: EPA Requirements

_____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED Not Approved

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Funding Source* (circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; RDC General

*Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

Purpose of Request:

The Redevelopment Commission previously approved funding for the LaSalle Park Project, which is adding many exciting amenities to LaSalle Park, where the Charles Black Community Center is located. LaSalle Park is located on an EPA superfund site and went through a project earlier this year to remediate the site. The City engaged with a consultant and legal to work with the EPA on their required Soil Management Plan for any improvements. There were indications from the EPA that since the soil remediation project happened, there would not be the same level of restrictions on the amenity improvements project. Unfortunately, after the project was awarded, the EPA decided that the Soil Management Plan previously followed must continue to be followed on this project, regardless of the remediation efforts. These requirements have created additional costs for hazmat certification, soils disposal, and certified fill. The request is from River West TIF and is for \$160,000.00 to cover the additional EPA requirements.

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