

**CITY OF HARTFORD
PROPOSED SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

Commissioners Present: Jane Danger; Frank Dockter Helen Sullivan; Terry Tibbs;
Members Absent: Ramon Beltran; Mayor Richard A. Hall; John Miller;
Staff Present: Vitale, Rodney-Isbrecht

The City Manager Opened the Spark Grant Input Session Meeting at 6:00pm

- The Spark Grant is due June 26, 2023. The project awards will be \$100,000 - \$1million. Some conditions of the grant are the City must control the property and must be outdoor space.
- The City Manager invited several community members and organizations that utilize Ely Park every year for Special Events, Lions Club, Hartford Chamber, Hispanic Heritage, Hartford Public Schools Student Representative, Learn & Grow Preschool, Hartford Public Library and several community members were in attendance.
- There were several examples and pictures of different options for park improvement. Examples included interactive sculptures, playground equipment, water features, and ice skating rink. The Manager had those in attendance select their favorites or add their own ideas to the list.
- Additional ideas were some covered family picnic and grilling areas, band shell, and larger pavilion. Other considerations: fencing and costs to insure and maintain specific improvements.
- Lions Club representative Pete Sinclair, who organizes, the Concerts in the Park requested more seating, additional lighting, upgrades to the electric, improved paved parking, sidewalk for ADA compliance, restroom floor improvements and heated restrooms to better utilize the park in early spring and fall seasons.

The City Manager Closed the Meeting at 6:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk