



**AGENDA ACTION FORM**

**Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the 2024 Bays Mountain Park Improvement Plan as a Guiding Document**

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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**Recommendation:**  
Approve the Resolution.

**Executive Summary:**  
If approved the City will accept the Bays Mountain Park and Planetarium Park Improvement Plan as a guiding document.

In May of 2023 the Bays Mountain Park Commission engaged with Collective Architecture and Coyle and Caron Landscape Architects (C&C) to develop a Park Improvement Plan (PIP) for the animal habitats at Bays Mountain Park (BMP). C&C has experience developing plans and animal habitats for facilities such as the Smithsonian National Zoo, EcoTarium, Discovery Place Nature (Otter Habitat), Franklin Park Zoo, and many others.

The PIP is a long-term plan and vision for improving the animal habitats at BMP. The PIP incorporates the latest standards for animal care and welfare and expands opportunities for visitor engagement through 6 goals:

- Improve animal habitats in terms of visitor experience and animal care.
- Improve arrival sequence, wayfinding, connectivity, and ADA access.
- Provide two defined entries from the parking area.
- Improve overall park aesthetic while considering staffing resources and long-term maintenance.
- Understand what parks users want through a survey.
- Develop a cohesive and actionable plan that builds on park assets considers the park staffing plan and facilitates advocacy for BMP.

Accepting the plan as a guiding document is a step in applying for the Local Parks and Recreation (LPRF) Grant. Upon approval the PIP will be posted on BMP’s website. The BMP Commission approved the plan on 3/14.

**Attachments:**  
1. Resolution  
2. Park Improvement Plan: <https://bit.ly/BaysMtnPIP>

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