

Public Forum: FY24 Spending Plan for Pimlico Local Impact Aid

February 1, 2023: 5:30 PM

Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA) in attendance: Chris Ryer (Chair), Yolanda Jiggetts, Dr. Jermaine Johnson, Mereida Goodman, Zanes Cypress, R. A. Mills, Joi Dabney, Tamara McCall

Department of Planning Staff in attendance: Nichole Stewart, Chad Hayes, Sara Paraniham, Kari Nye

Requests are highlighted in yellow.

Questions and Comments about Park Heights Master Plan Allocations

Patrice Wallace:

- Applaud Towanda, was part of CC Jackson pool renovation
- Park West Health Center is federal qualified health system, which means individuals can receive health care regardless of ability to pay
- Building is 73 years old
- Plan is to totally overhaul building
- Everyone deserves it – community, patients, etc.
- Last bit of funding gap
- Break ground this summer

Yolanda Jiggetts:

- Is there a response to question from last meeting about \$40m for Rec and Parks/KABOOM
- Ryer: specific locations were submitted to MORP based on safety condition
- Cypress: Can you explain if Towanda Rec Center is not overfunded?
- Ryer: Not overfunded. No other sources available.

Chris Ervin:

- Trouble signing in; others may want to be here, but can't get into mtg
- Standby to ask 1 mile radius question

Amber Jones:

- Difference between cost estimate and current funding for Towanda Rec Center; current funding appears to exceed cost estimate
- Kate Brower (BCRP): Request to PCDA would be cover construction management, cost over runs, sidewalks, field
- Jones: If the proposed funding is for cost over runs, then maybe it could be used for home repair or other more pressing gaps.

Yolanda Jiggetts:

- Asked for update about previous year's funding, Civic Fund
- Ryer: already gave an update

Zanes Cypress:

- Should we be raising comments in the chat?
- Amber Jones has question in the chat about PCDA administration
- Ryer: explanation – PCDA Administration items are for a full-time PCDA position, with funding 50/50 Park Heights/1 Mile Radius. The proposed position is split evenly between the two areas because the management of the community grants requires the same level of work as management of the larger allocations in Park Heights area.
- Yeshivah Israel has recommendation for Pimlico Merchants request for funds for security cameras

Sister Yeshivah Israel:

- Such a big corridor, need another round of funding to support other business districts with safety improvements, such as lighting, cameras, etc.
- Requesting \$100k
- Yolanda: Park Heights is huge footprint and last year's funding hasn't been deployed yet; seconds Sister Israel's recommendation; in addition to safety, include capacity-building grants for merchants in the area.

Pastor Troy Randall:

- Requests support for closing gap for Social Settlement resource center; no other center in Arlington area
- In building process
- Because of inflation, have a gap of \$250,000 to complete the project
- Have to go to many different locations to provide programming without having a building
- This would be final

Zanes Cypress:

- Last comment in the chat is regarding Park West Health Center
- Patrice Wallace: PCDA funding would be first contribution from the City

Cherring Spence

- Rehab 1-2 vacant houses as community center in Park Lane
- Could also act as police satellite, jobs center, for seniors, meeting place
- Ryer: do you have cost estimates? Property control?
- Spence: no to both; have been looking at apt building owned by the City; would also be for 2 of our partners that need space (Catherine Family and Youth, another partner)
- Yolanda: PHR can work with Ms. Spence; we were awarded the funding that was referenced for developer incentives; would need to fundraise addl. funding

Questions and Comments about the 1-Mile Radius Allocations

Chris Ervin:

- Thank you for work you're doing for these various communities
- Lots of outdoor space in 1 mile radius
- No parks in our area
- Have cost analysis, renderings to create a new park
- Ryer: need more specific information; suggest you write this up with specifics about location, budget, etc. by Feb 10 deadline

Larry Schugam:

- In support of \$51k for CHAI for block projects, events, façade improvement, leadership training, etc.

Sandy Johnson

- In support of proposed funding for cleaning streets in Glen and Fallstaff
- Trying to be pro-active and address rodents

Zanes Cypress:

- From the chat, there is a comment about business grants

Merrick:

- Seems like there should be more grants for businesses compared to parks. They are recovering from serious pandemic.
- Zanes: Are you saying the amount for businesses and home improvements is too low?
- Merrick: Yes.
- Zanes: Is \$10k (per homeowner repair grant) too low, or is the pool too low?
- Merrick: Both. Instead of \$500k for homeowner repair grants, make it \$1m.
- Zanes: Where would you re-allocate?
- Ryer: Going back to Park Heights Master Plan budget slide. Note, there is also a citywide home improvement program. This supplements that.
- Merrick: Suggest moving Arlington INSPIRE Garden funding to homeowner repair grants.
- Merrick: Maybe also move the mobile career center funding to homeowner repair grants, if the City can provide other resources for career center.
- Ryer: Proposal is to add center specifically targeted for Park Heights for two years
- Rachel Brash (MOED): Career navigation team would be specifically designated for Park Heights; We do have staff citywide at Mondawmin, but nothing specific to Park Heights.
- Ryer: Appreciate the understanding that something has to be cut to add something.

Caller

- Pimlico Terrace thankful for FY23 homeownership grant funding

R.A. Mills

- Will send question directly to Ms. Brash

Yolanda Jiggetts

- Wasn't asking about Civic Fund, was asking about previous PCDA allocations for projects like Langston Hughes
- Ryer: it is all connected
- Nichole: I think Yolanda is asking about specific line item allocations. We still have to work through those contracts as well. We are working on updating scopes of work for FY22 and FY23.
- Yolanda: My apologies, I thought you were just talking about 1 mile radius

Chat Transcript

from chris.ryer to Everyone: 5:32 PM

Welcome to Paul Taylor and Sean Stinnet from the Mayor's Office of Small, Minority and Women business! Thanks for coming!

from Sean A. Stinnett to Everyone: 5:32 PM

Good evening and thank you for the invitation!

from Gordon Krabbe to Everyone: 5:36 PM

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Representing the Enoch Pratt Free Library

from susan russell to Everyone: 5:37 PM

How can I see names and faces of other participants?

from ashalee young District6 to Everyone: 5:37 PM

Good evening

I'm representing on behalf of District 6/ V.P. Councilwoman Middleton's office

from Sherrell Savage to Everyone: 5:38 PM

Good evening from District 5 Councilman Isaac Schleifer's office

from Tamara to Everyone: 5:42 PM

What is the password

from Kari Nye (she/her) - DOP to Everyone: 5:52 PM

*****Email comments to pcda@baltimorecity.gov by midnight, Feb. 10 with additional questions and comments *****

from rebecca mark to Everyone: 5:54 PM

Good Evening, this is Rebecca Mark, Mayor Scott's liaison for Districts 5 & 6 with the Office of Neighborhoods. You can always reach me at 443-615-2262 and Rebecca.Mark@baltimorecity.gov

from Kari Nye (she/her) - DOP to Everyone: 6:01 PM

***** kari.nye@baltimorecity.gov *****

from Amber Jones to Everyone: 6:09 PM

If the Towanda Pool & Playground is overfunded per the current estimated cost and current funding figures, why is \$500k being requested through PCDA?

from Amber Jones to Everyone: 6:16 PM

Is the \$120,000 for PCDA Administration being requested between the PHMPA and 1-Mi Radius to fund one staff position, multiple staff positions, or other costs?

from merrick to Everyone: 6:18 PM

can you go back to the estimates

from Yolanda Jiggetts to Everyone: 6:19 PM

we all greatly support the Park West project and all they have and do daily for residents in Park Heights

from Amber Jones to Everyone: 6:25 PM

Could you ask Mr Ryer to return to the slide where he clarified questions from last time. I showed that the estimated cost was \$3.75 and the current funding as over \$3.9 M

from Katherine Brower to Everyone: 6:27 PM

I am here from BCRP

from Yeshiyah Israel to Everyone: 6:33 PM

Regarding the park heights master plan Pimlico Merchants Association requesting funding for business owners and merchants in the park heights community specifically for installation of security cameras and lighting for business along the park heights corridor. Recommendation .

from Yeshiyah Israel to Everyone: 6:33 PM

Recommendation

from Pastor Randall to Everyone: 6:36 PM

Recommendation to help close the gap in our building project called the Social Settlement House under the At The House, Inc. This is Pastor Randall

from Cherring A. Spence, Pres. Parklane to Everyone: 6:41 PM

Recommendation: Provide support and release funding previously approved for Parklane Community Center so as to provide a resource center, meeting space, and a satellite police station in the Parklane Community. Funds would be used to acquire an abandoned property in Parklane and rehab it for use.

from Christopher Ervin to Everyone: 6:43 PM

Thank you for speaking to the PCDA Administration funding, but the issue may call for slightly clearer explanation for those of us in the 1-mile radius considering the as mentioned funding formula

from Patrice Wallace, Park West Health to Everyone: 6:44 PM

It should be noted that if funds recommended by the PCDA Board is awarded to the Park West Health Capital Expansion Project, it will be the first financial award to the project by the City. For this, we are most grateful for its support.

from merrick to Everyone: 6:45 PM

Could the funding for gardens be funded by the city instead of the pcda to be used for home grants and other grants

from valarie to All Panelists: 6:48 PM

When are recommendations due ?

from Yolanda Jiggetts to Everyone: 6:51 PM

Chris thank you but i was referencng the funding in the Master Plan area from last year for Langston Hughes, At the House, Sankofa etc

from Pastor Randall to Everyone: 6:55 PM

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from Amber Jones to Everyone: 6:55 PM

For the record (no further comment): We have spoken with DHCD about designating home repair grants per Neighborhood Statistical Area as opposed to smaller block groups. Thus, recommending for FY 2024 that the home repair grant allocation be increased to \$750,000 to cover Woodmere, Lucille Park, and Langston Hughes. And, if unspent funds from prior years allocations become available, that a portion of those funds be earmarked for home repair grants for the entire Park Heights Master Plan Area. For future years, we would like the locations recommended for home repair grants to be based on geocoded data of people who have previously requested but not received home repair grants through DHCD or partner organizations that use the LIGHT intake form.

from Pastor Randall to Everyone: 6:55 PM

I didn't ask a question?

from Yolanda Jiggetts to Everyone: 7:03 PM

while i support the request of Parklane, what would be more viable is to complete the renovations for James D Gross recreation center and potentially use the funding to expand that project. Is there a status update on the funding that ws allocated a few years back

from Kari Nye (she/her) - DOP to Everyone: 7:05 PM

*** pcda@baltimorecity.gov *** Thank you!

from merrick to Everyone: 7:07 PM

in the one mile radius are there any homes in need of repair grants or businesses that need business grants

from Rachel Brash - MOED to Everyone: 7:22 PM

Rachel Brash from MOED. Happy to answer any additional questions about our services.
rachel.brash@baltimorecity.gov

from R A Mills to Everyone: 7:23 PM

Curious how a career navigators will target / benefit Park Heights.

from Kari Nye (she/her) - DOP to Everyone: 7:25 PM

*** Take the survey here: <http://bit.ly/FY24PCDA> ***

from Patrice Wallace, Park West Health to Everyone: 7:30 PM

Thank you.

from rebecca mark to Everyone: 7:30 PM

thank you!

from Larry Schugam to Everyone: 7:30 PM

Thank you!

from Jasmine Barnes to Everyone: 7:30 PM

Thank you everyone

from B.R. Hammed-Owens to Everyone: 7:31 PM

Thank you for a great meeting