
Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL]FY 2023 Community Matching Fund: Tucker Community Garden

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Dear Ms. Murphy,

I am writing to you to voice my support of funding for the Tucker Community Garden from the FY 2023 Community Matching Fund. I recall participating in a school garden in my years at Junior High in Hawaii. Looking back on it, I realize that I was learning science and how to take good observational notes and measurements all while trying to grow a healthy lettuce garden.

I think it would be a great opportunity for the children of Tucker Elementary School to participate in a similar project, and having involvement from the greater West End community would be an added benefit. While all the projects up for approval sound wonderful I hope you will consider the Tucker Community Garden as a high priority since it adds to the benefit of the community, the environment, and most of all to the education of the next generation of Alexandrians.

Sincerely,
Ray Espiritu

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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

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Good morning, Lucresha,

These are wonderful projects very worthy of funding! As a West Ender, I particularly embrace the Lake Cook and Tucker community garden plot initiatives. I often walk to and around Lake Cook and have been distressed by its deteriorating and seemingly neglected "surround." This will help immensely.

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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Samuel Tucker Community Garden

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Dearest Lucresha Murphy,

We thank the Parks and Recs Commission for matching the funds we need to start our own community garden here at Samuel Tucker. We have an excellent location already in mind adjacent to the school pavilion and playground within easy distance for students.

As you may have already known, we lost our science classroom a number of years ago due to overcrowding. We are the only school that has a science teacher using a supermarket cart to haul science projects room to room in order to teach all of our students. By having a community garden outside our school, we would be able to harness the fruits of our labor but hope to also use the garden to teach biology, photosynthesis, evolution, genetics and the environmental impact humans have on our planet.

If you fund our garden, you would at least restore some semblance of a science lab for our well deserving students.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
VP Communications PTA

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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 2:01 PM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

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Hi Lucresha,

I will unfortunately not be able to attend the meeting on the 20th, but I wanted to take the opportunity to say how excited I am about the Tucker Elementary School garden! My kids and I love growing plants at our apartment and seeing botany and biology happen right before our eyes, so knowing that all of the students of our school will have the same opportunity is delighting. It will be a huge value add to our community!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Luresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Luresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

Hi Ms. Murphy,

I wanted to reach out and voice my support for funding the new kayak launch at Four Mile Run Park. I am a resident of the Hume Springs neighborhood, and my street runs directly into Four Mile Run Park. The kayak launch will help to make the park more accessible for residents of our neighborhood and for Alexandrians who come to Four Mile Run to use the facilities.

I am grateful for the Park & Recreation Commission's consideration of the matching funds for Four Mile Run Park.

Best,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Commissioner, Alexandria Commission for Women
Vice President, Hume Springs Civic Association
Board Secretary, Safe Housing Alliance [REDACTED]

Luresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Luresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

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Dear Ms. Murphy,

I am unable to attend the public meeting, but I am fully in support of funding going toward helping the 4 Mile Run Paddling Access. This is an underutilized asset in both the neighborhood and the City, and this would go a long way towards improving the mix of activities available to residents.

Thank you,

Christopher Ziemann
[REDACTED]

Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 12:52 PM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

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Good afternoon Lucresha,

As a Hume Springs resident and frequent user of 4MR, I support the decision to put funding towards the 4MR kayak/pwc launch dock.

I would ask that consideration be made to have the 4MR parking area near the dock and baseball field be made more prevalent. Often users park in the Hume Springs neighborhood, not knowing 4MR has more parking space on the other side of the pedestrian bridges.

Thank you!

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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 11:26 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission to Hold Public Hearing on FY 2023 Community Matching Fund

I wanted to pass along my support for City staff recommending the approval of approximately \$73,000 for the following projects:

1. Project Name: Lake Cook Pocket Park

Description: This project includes planting native trees, implementing invasive management, and signage to help identify the park and create a sense of place upon which future improvements can be built.

1. Project Name: Tucker Community Garden

Description: The Tucker Community Garden Project will develop and 'green' an underutilized natural space adjacent the Samuel Tucker Elementary School and provide an outdoor learning classroom for students. This project will engage with all sectors of the West End population via the public school; provide an opportunity for environmental engagement for the community; enrich the communities youth with a learning opportunity that has lifelong impact; and provides an outlet for environmental engagement that is in short supply for many of effected residents for whom this project will serve.

1. Project Name: Paddling Access at Four Mile Run

Description: The project is a public water access point, including a raised boardwalk from the Four Mile Run Trail to a gangway extending to a floating dock, maintaining ADA-compliant slopes and level landings at appropriate spacing. The dock would include a transfer platform for wheelchair entry to a kayak, and the launch point would have a roller-entry/exit, which increases safety for launching and landing, particularly for unassisted paddlers.

These all are great improvements to the communities and in particular I think it is so important to create ADA-compliant access for the paddling access at Four Mile Run. It is already a great place for kayakers and expanding access is important. Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Tucker Community Garden

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Good morning,

I wanted to take a few moments to write and let you know how excited my family and I are about the Tucker Community Garden project. I think it will be an excellent way for teachers to extend and expand their learning. It provides a tangible experience for the children who, especially in our school district, might not have experience with grown plants and gardens. We plan to help see this project to completion and to watch it thrive and flourish for years to come.

Tucker Elementary has assembled an excellent team to work with the City to get this project off the ground. It is definitely the right time to see this project move forward.

Thanks and have a great day,
Liz Johnson
(Tucker parent)

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Lucresha Murphy

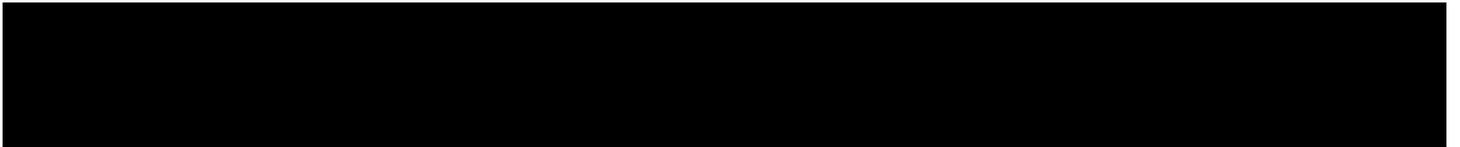
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 7:47 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: re: Park & Recreation Commission FY 2023 Community Matching Fund - Tucker Community Garden

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Good Morning,

I am writing in support of the Tucker Community Garden. The PTA, Faculty and Staff of Samuel Tucker Elementary have spent many hours planning this garden with the support of their community partner Lancaster Landscapes. Lancaster works in the Cameron Station on a weekly basis and has pledged to continue to support this garden for the spring plantings and fall bedding. The PTA has worked to raise the funds available but matching funds are needed to make this a reality. Please support the match for the Tucker Community Garden.

Mindy Lyle



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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Please Support the Samuel Tucker Community Garden Project

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Dear Members of the Park & Recreation Commission-

I'm writing to express my support for the Samuel Tucker Community Garden Project that is currently under review by your commission. I am a firm believer in hands on learning and I believe this project will provide an invaluable opportunity for the students at Samuel Tucker to learn about issues related to food supply, health, and environmental science. I have engaged with the PTA on this issue to lend my support and have offered to provide volunteer hours to help maintain the garden (year-round) as necessary to ensure its success and longterm viability.

Please lend your support and approval to this important project for the young students of Samuel Tucker. Thank you!

V/r,
Hockley Walsh

Stevenson Hockley Walsh [REDACTED]

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Lucresha Murphy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Lucresha Murphy
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Samuel Tucker Elementary School Community Garden
Ms. Murphy-Tate,

I wanted to send you a quick note to show my support for the City of Alexandria giving Tucker PTA a grant to build a community garden and an outdoor classroom space at Tucker Elementary School.

Tucker Elementary is a great school and a great community. It deserves to have a community garden and would greatly benefit from such a space. It's my understanding we are the only elementary school in the district that does not have such a resource. We are also a school that serves a population of students where many if not most live in high-rise apartments and condos. Few have the chance to experience and learn about gardening and cultivating their own food. Also, while Tucker is a great school, we really need to improve upon our science studies (our low test scores show this). A community garden and outdoor classroom space would contribute to an improved science curriculum and let our students engage in hands-on learning.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Rhett Christensen
Proud Tucker Parent of a 3rd and 1st Grader
[REDACTED]

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