

TOWN *Of* **PARADISE VALLEY**



STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor Bien-Willner and Town Council Members

FROM: Jill Keimach, Town Manager
Duncan Miller, Town Clerk

DATE: May 25, 2023

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager
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AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion and Possible Action to Partner with the City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society on The Roundhouse & Splashpad Capital Improvement Project at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Capital Improvement Project Professional Services account for The Roundhouse & Splashpad CIP Project and authorize the Town Manager to take any actions necessary to disburse the funds.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At the May 11th study session, the Town Council discussed partnering with the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society and the City of Scottsdale on a new capital project at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park located at Indian Bend and Scottsdale Road in the proposed amount of \$50,000.

BACKGROUND

The Town received a request from the Scottsdale Railroad & Mechanical Society (SRMS) to help finance a new building with indoor play structure call The Roundhouse and Splashpad at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park (Park) located at Indian Bend and Scottsdale Road. A copy of the conceptional plan is attached as Attachment C.

The estimated project cost is \$17,455,000 and is largely being funded by City of Scottsdale CIP funds and Bond funds. Additionally, the SRMS and private donors have committed \$1.4 million in funding; however, there is a budget shortfall of approximately \$3.3 million. SRMS has been seeking additional funding to close the gap.

Since there are no parks or playground facilities for families in Paradise Valley, residents have benefitted from the amenities provided by the Park just across the border in Scottsdale. The Town has provided funding to the Park at least three times over the years. Most notably, the Town shared in the cost to construct, and later extend, the “Partnership Tunnel” that the train passes through on its journey around the Park. The Town was also instrumental in securing funds for the casting, transporting, and installing of the Bil Keane Memorial Sculpture located at the Park.

BUDGET IMPACT

This is an unbudgeted expense and requires Council authorization to transfer funds. Because this supports a capital project, it is recommended that the Town Council authorize the expenditure from unspent funds in Fiscal Year 2023 CIP Professional Services Account 30-40-330.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Conceptual Design Plans – The Roundhouse & Splashpad CIP Project