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Date: Sunday, March 31, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Ward: Ward 2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Pleasant Hill Community Association

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Planning Development and Community Services Committee

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Item 7.2.3. Pleasant Hill Village Status and Funding Update

Comments:

Attn: Planning Development and Community Services Committee

Re: Item 7.2.3 Pleasant Hill Village – Project Status and Funding Update

Dear Committee,

Thank you for the years of work by City administration and the investment made by the City and Council into the Pleasant Hill Village project. The vision took much longer than planned to complete, and the neighbourhood advisory group evolved over time, but we followed, consulted on, and supported the process throughout. The investments and dedicated approach have had a big impact on our community as a whole, and Pleasant Hill neighbours in particular.

With the project ending, we note that there are funds remaining in the project account. As the report outlines, there is an option to redirect these funds and we are writing to request that these excess funds be redirected in ways that are consistent with the ongoing needs and priorities in Pleasant Hill.

In early March we hosted our third Winter Carnival bringing out approximately 300 neighbours to play games, smudge, connect, and have fun. At one booth, we asked attendees to share with us their top priorities related to safety. The top picks were: Safe Places for Kids to Play and Safe Places for Everyone to Sleep. The first theme relates perfectly to a Rink Project that we are working hard to bring to life in Pleasant Hill Park in response to similar engagement a couple of years ago. The City has already declared this WinterCity project a 'Municipal Project'. We are grateful for the support to date both from the City and from a number of private donors. Allocating some of the excess funds from the Pleasant Hill Village project would go a long way to getting this rink built and operational so that we can provide safe places for kids to play in Pleasant Hill. This project is extra important right now given that the school at this park has closed. Community and family gathering spaces are limited in this end of our neighbourhood, and the rink is one effort to address that.

Finally, we would like to encourage the City to review the learnings from the Pleasant Hill Village project and consider new ways in which structurally under-resourced areas of our city can be supported through creatively delivered community-driven public services.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Adam Pollock

President, Pleasant Hill Community Association

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