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Office of Financial Services – Capital Improvement Budget
700 City Hall
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RE: ***Dayton's Bluff Play Area Improvements Proposal***

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2016/2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Dayton's Bluff Play Area.

This project benefits our community in the following ways:

1. Increases the neighborhood livability, recreation, health and economic viability.
2. Provides a recreational amenity adjacent to a hub of activity (recreation center& school) located in an under-served area.

This proposal seeks to refurbish the play area at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Area and replace any equipment which does not meet CPSC and ADA guidelines. The play equipment at Dayton's Bluff was installed in 1999 (16 years old) and much of the equipment is in poor condition. Play areas have multiple benefits, including overall neighborhood livability, recreation, health and economic. For instance, the play area, in combination with the ongoing renovation of businesses on West Seventh Street and the Fourth Street Preservation project, will benefit the neighborhood economically by encouraging rehabilitation and redevelopment in the neighborhood. In addition, the project will preserve, beautify and increase the livability of the community through site improvements including public art, new park signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting. Children also benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various park events which target multiple physical fitness activities.

The play area located adjacent to Dayton's Bluff Elementary School and Recreation Center will improve an important asset in the neighborhood, one that serves many low income residents in Dayton's bluff. Well designed and maintained playgrounds serve as important gathering places and reinforce positive community interaction. Investment in community resources is an investment in the people, therefore we strongly support this project and urge its completion.

Sincerely,

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