



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
(VIRTUAL MEETING)**

**June 16, 2021
5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Attendees: Commissioner Pointer, Commissioner Baines (absent)

Staff Support: **Marty Stump**, Planning Deputy Director - Planning & Development Department; **Mary Kay Henley**, Planning Administration

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the April 28, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Discussion Items

N/A

Action Item

W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory - Accepting and Appropriating \$48,488.00 from the Seymour Conservatory Foundation for the Rain Vivarium

- Marty reported this resolution accepts and appropriates \$48,488.00 from the Seymour Conservatory Foundation for construction of the Conservatory Vivarium during the current renovation project now underway. A Vivarium is a rainforest type terrarium that houses dart frogs. It will be housed behind a glass window.
- Marty explained the Vivarium was an alternate bid item in the Conservatory's renovation project. It wasn't included because its cost exceeded the available budget that had to prioritize critical infrastructure renovation over new amenities. The Foundation saw the beneficial educational element for visitors to the Conservatory and elected to fund its construction.
- Marty reported we have received the Foundation's Letter on Intent allowing the Vivarium to be added to the project's construction phase.
- Commissioner Pointer asked if Metro Parks has ever had an exhibit like this and how many frogs will be included. Marty reported he will find out more specifics around the exhibit before the next Board meeting.
- This item was accepted for moving forward to the full Board with a recommendation of approval.

Additional Discussion Items

- Marty reported a COW is scheduled for next Monday to discuss the Dawson Property Transfers.

Meeting Adjourned