

**St. Petersburg City Council**  
**Meeting of July 21, 2016**

**Report Item**

**TO:** The Honorable Amy Foster, Chair, and Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of a donation of \$20,000 from Florida Kiwanis Division 13 Council and Florida Kiwanis Foundation in support of the Harris Park Neighborhood's playground replacement in Kiwanis Park and approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 unappropriated balance of the General Fund to the Community Services Department resulting from this donation in support of the project.

**BACKGROUND:** The area between 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Streets North between 38<sup>th</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> Avenues North was privately owned land until 1976 when it was purchased by the City for a proposed park. The park was named Clayton Park after the previous landowners. In 1979, twelve Kiwanis Clubs in South Pinellas County approached the City with a plan to spend \$125,000 over five years to develop and maintain the 4.3 acre park. The Kiwanis Clubs wanted to combine efforts and to show their commitment to younger kids with a theme in 1979 as "Right Start – The Formative Years". Clayton Park was renamed Kiwanis Park in recognition of their commitment and dedicated in 1983 after the completion of their efforts.

Kiwanis Park is located within the Harris Park Neighborhood. The residents consider the Park to be their highest priority and major asset to their community. During strategic planning discussions with staff, they identified various park enhancements they would like to see in Kiwanis Park. They also indicated an interest in partnering with the local Kiwanis organization. Due to the neighborhood residents' interest and Kiwanis Club Division 13 Council continued commitment to youth, a renewed partnership has resulted.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Support of the attached resolution to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$20,000 from Florida Kiwanis Division 13 Council and Florida Kiwanis Foundation to the City of St. Petersburg, Community Services Department for the Harris Park Neighborhood playground in Kiwanis Park.

**COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:** The Florida Kiwanis Division 13 Council and Florida Kiwanis Foundation will provide a \$20,000 donation to be combined with \$85,000 previously appropriated funds within the Neighborhood and Citywide Infrastructure Fund (3027) in Neighborhood Enhancement (Project 15063) for a new playground, safety surface and fence in the Harris Park Neighborhood. Approval of a resolution for a supplemental appropriation of \$20,000 from the General Fund (0001) to Community Services, Community Services Administration (083-1081) is attached for approval.

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A DONATION OF \$20,000 FROM FLORIDA KIWANIS DIVISION 13 COUNCIL AND FLORIDA KIWANIS FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF REPLACEMENT OF THE KIWANIS PARK PLAYGROUND IN THE HARRIS PARK NEIGHBORHOOD; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND (0001) TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DIVISION (083-1081) RESULTING FROM THIS DONATION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, great neighborhoods make St. Petersburg a great place to live; and

WHEREAS, collaboration and community involvement are ingredients for successful neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Club adopted a park within the Harris Park Neighborhood in 1979 with a five year commitment to develop and maintain the park; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Harris Park Neighborhood began a strategic plan process and identified neighborhood priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Harris Park Neighborhood identified Kiwanis Park as their main asset and top priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Harris Park residents identified the need for a new playground as a project; and

WHEREAS, the Harris Park residents were interested in re-engaging the Kiwanis Club for potential volunteer and social activities in Kiwanis Park; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Kiwanis Club Division 13 Council voted to show their renewed commitment to the Harris Park Neighborhood and Kiwanis Park by committing funds and receiving a matching grant from the Florida Kiwanis Foundation for playground safety surfacing and/or fencing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that a donation of \$20,000 toward the cost of a new Kiwanis Park playground, safety surfacing and fencing is hereby recognized by this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund (0001), the following supplemental appropriation for FY 2016 resulting from this donation from Florida Kiwanis Club Division 13 Council in support of the Harris Park Neighborhood's project.

General Fund (0001)

Community Services Department, Neighborhood Services (083-1081)    \$20,000

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration: \_\_\_\_\_

Budget and Management: \_\_\_\_\_