

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

Cleveland Metroparks Administrative Offices
Rzepka Board Room
4101 Fulton Parkway
Cleveland, Ohio 44144

8:00 A.M. – REGULAR MEETING

Board meetings may be attended in person or virtually at the site listed below:

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/boardstream>

AGENDA

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2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING FOR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT**
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7. <u>INFORMATION/BRIEFING ITEMS/POLICY</u>		
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8. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>		
None		
9. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>		
Regular Meeting – Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 8:00 A.M. Cleveland Metroparks Administrative Offices Rzepka Board Room 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44144		

WORK SESSION

1. Strategic Plan Development for the Next Century of Stewardship - Work Session Two

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Collective Bargaining
2. Purchase/Acquisition of Real Property

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

Board to set a Guaranteed Maximum Price for each phase of construction, at which time the construction costs, the general conditions costs, and the construction manager fee will be finalized. Upon the negotiation of a contract with the recommended construction manager, Turner Construction Company, the preconstruction stage compensation will be established at \$11,170.

RFP Analysis

Staff recommends the construction manager at risk contract be negotiated and awarded to **Turner Construction Company** (“Turner”). Turner, a nationwide company based in New York, New York has had presence in Cleveland since 1907 and an established office since 1962 although has not in recent history performed a project for Cleveland Metroparks. Notwithstanding, the approach demonstrated by Turner and Turner’s Special Project Division to the Project, understanding of how best to work within an active office environment, phasing and coordination approach, and competitive pricing provide many positive attributes for the Project. Their project team and goals align with Cleveland Metroparks staff. Their understanding of the Project, approach and methodology will prove valuable in the execution of the Project relative to the final deliverable desired. Turner’s experience with similar and complementary projects, along with the competitive price associated with their services, establishes their firm as the “best value” when ranked against the other short-listed construction manager (at risk) firms. Notwithstanding, the Marous Brothers and Panzica teams submitted thorough and competitive proposals and interviewed extremely well.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Guaranteed Maximum Price contract with **Turner Construction Company**, being ranked as the “best value” for RFP #6570, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cleveland Zoo Society Administration Office Remodel and Addition, inclusive of \$11,170 for preconstruction stage compensation. In the event that a GMP contract cannot be negotiated with the construction manager, a contract would then be negotiated, per Ohio Revised Code, with the next ranked construction manager, who the Board, in its discretion, has reflected in the minutes as being the next ranked construction manager. Form of contract to be approved by the Chief Legal and Ethics Officer.

(h) Authorization to Submit an Application to the Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (Planning)

(Originating Sources: Brian M. Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer/Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer/Sara Byrnes Maier, Senior Strategic Park Planner)

Background

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Cleveland Metroparks received \$7.95 million in the TIGER VIII round in 2016 for its *Re-Connecting Cleveland: Pathways to Opportunity* application, submitted in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and L.A.N.D. studio, Inc. The TIGER award, along with additional federal and state grants as well as philanthropic support, enabled construction of five trail projects: Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway Connector, Canal Basin Park Connector, Wendy Park Bridge, Whiskey Island Connector, and Red Line Greenway.

The 2021 RAISE application cycle makes available \$1 billion for surface transportation projects that have significant local or regional impact, \$30 million of which is available for planning projects (includes phases from planning through construction documents). Successful applicants will be announced by November 22, 2021, projects must be under contract by the statutory deadline of September 30, 2024, and all funds must be expended by September 2029. Both planning and implementation projects are eligible under RAISE.

Through the efforts of the Cuyahoga Greenway Partners, Cleveland Metroparks, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and additional members have worked to identify the most competitive planning projects for this and other funding opportunities. The Cuyahoga Greenway Partners seek to advance several of the 69 regionally significant trails and bikeway projects identified through the Cuyahoga Greenways Plan that was completed in 2019 and available at www.cuyahogagreenways.org. Several projects have been designated as candidates for feasibility-level planning studies, while others will be fully engineered and designed.

As currently proposed, the federal RAISE grant program will fund the performance of planning and/or engineering activities for some or all of the following projects shown in the table below and depicted in map form on page 41. The total federal RAISE funding request will not exceed \$1,300,000 in federal grant funds. Because these projects all fall within census tracts determined by the RAISE office to have experienced persistent poverty, local matching funds are not required; however, Cleveland Metroparks intends to commit up to \$200,000 in local match derived from the Park District or partners. Total project costs will be up to \$1,500,000. The final funding request, including the number of projects and respective levels of development will be finalized in the next several weeks. Additional funds will also be sought for local match through other non-federal grant programs and/or private sources.

<u>Potential RAISE Application Projects</u>	<u>Cuyahoga Greenways Plan ID</u>
Slavic Village Downtown Connector Phase II	Regional Link-13b
Slavic Village Downtown Connector/Iron Ct. to Opportunity Corridor	Regional Link-14
Morgana Run-Booth Ave. Extension	Critical Gap-7
Euclid Creek Greenway	Critical Gap-11

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the Board authorize the submittal of the grant application to the Department of Transportation for funding assistance from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for the above listed Cuyahoga Greenways Plan project planning components; inclusive of a proposed local match component of up to \$200,000 which shall be provided by other non-federal grant programs, private sources, and/or contributions from project partners inclusive of Cleveland Metroparks; and further that the Board authorize the funds to be made available as needed until reimbursement is received from the RAISE program; and further that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements and execute any documents as may be required to accept the grant award; form of agreements to be approved by the Chief Legal & Ethics Officer.

- (i) ***Authorization to Submit an Application to the Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (Implementation)***
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RAISE Planning Grant

- Existing Trails
- Potential RAISE Grant Projects
- Cuyahoga Greenways
- Critical Gap
- Key Route
- Regional Link
- All Other Routes
- Cleveland Metroparks

