



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jennifer Matheny, Chair

Daniel R. Sandford, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg. Also in attendance was Rep. Summerville; Erin McKenna, Senior Parks Planner; Elizabeth Turner and Chris Dellaselva, Legal Dept.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR31.030	APPROVAL; Agreement between City of Stamford and Fuss & O'Neill, Inc for Stamford Coastal Resiliency Plan under RFP No. 2023.0003. 01/17/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons 02/08/24 – Approved by Board of Finance 6-0-0	Approved 6-0-0

Ms. McKenna explained that this project includes areas below I-95 and part of the flood area of the Mill River. The goal of this planning project is to use substantial outreach to discover what kinds of flood resiliency projects can be done and get those projects to the point that they would be grantable. There is a lot of money available for flood mitigation and resiliency planning. The Planning Department is working with the Connecticut Institute of Resiliency and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) which is creating the flood modeling of different scenarios to determine the risks. The capital budget process was completed to get \$100,000 approved towards the project and a FEMA grant of \$150,000 was also pursued to pay for the majority of the project.

The point of the project is to:

- Collect data to determine the risk with modeling.
- Engage with the public.
- Create plans that can receive grants and implement.

The contract is for \$255,000, the grant has already gone before the Board of Representatives for approval and the scheduled timeline is twelve months.

There is a website to help facilitate public outreach at <https://www.stamfordct.gov/government/operations/climate-and-sustainability>.

There is a FEMA formulated way to justify the cost benefit analysis of these projects.

Rep. Weinberg suggested that any Representative wanting more input into the items that are included in the three prioritized projects can get involved in the community and the stakeholder engagement process where those kinds of decisions are made.

Ms. McKenna noted that although the RFP was adopted in April 2023, the Purchasing Department had some challenges including having their purchasing protocol reorganized. The project was slated to begin in August 2023, but the timeline has since changed and they are planning on starting again this March.

Chair Matheny questioned who will be on the technical advisory committee. Ms. McKenna listed the following members:

- Members of the Land Use Bureau
- Health department
- Traffic and Parking
- Engineering
- Public Safety, Health, and Welfare
- The Police and Fire departments
- The Environmental Protection Board
- The Mayor's Climate Action Committee

A motion to approve Item No. 1 was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Chair Matheny, Vice Chair Sandford, Reps. de la Cruz, Gilbride, Kuczynski, and Weinberg in favor).

Chair Matheny adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Matheny, Chair

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