

## Parks, Education, Recreation & Health Committee

11-18-24

### **The Department of Parks & Youth Services presented information in summary of 2024 Summer Programs**

- These are ARPA funding programs
- evaluation of outcomes were presented
- over 1 million was invested in the summer program category
- 74 programs
- TG would like to see the last 2 years of the program stats
- It was stated that even with the pending cuts, more money will be allotted to youth programs over pre-covid years
- CM stated that cutting the youth programming by a 3<sup>rd</sup> is unacceptable

What's Next: Mentoring, Sports, Arts will be an intentional prioritization in the election process

### **St. Anthony's Church Revitalization**

Director Fausnaugh gave an overview of the reasoning the reallocation of the ARPA \$\$'s for St. Anthony Church. A summary of the grant for Savage Park was discussed.

LC Treasurer Lindsay Webb gave an overview of why St. Anthony Church needs to be saved and renovated. We are asking the COT for 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the total investment. County Commissioners will match the COT's investment.

D. Mann (LCLandbank): The church was built in 1894. Closed in 2005. The LB invested in the steeple. Recreation, Health, Youth programs and sustainability (from the neighborhood) were main issues to address. The building was built with no bathrooms. The total investment will be 6mil. We hope to finalize the budget this year. Beginning in May construction should begin, to open in summer of 2026.

A letter of commitment from the County Commissioners is requested.

A "sustainability plan" or lack thereof, was brought up. AARPA program funding will not be affected.

The COT will own the building at the end of the process.

A community partner will need to be engaged long term to manage operations of the building.

The residents in the Junction neighborhood have expressed they want a year-round community center.

Traffic Safety issues were discussed

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