District Improvement Program Review Committee
Meeting Minutes – 8/11/2026 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

I. Attendees

Voting Members:

- Council President Vanice Williams, D4
- Councilman John Hobbs, D1
- Council Member Theresa Gadus, D3
- Director of Economic Development: Brandon Sehlhorst
- Director of Public Service: Joe Fausnaugh

Non-Voting Members:

- Toledo City Council Chief of Staff: Lucy Frank
- Council Legislative Aide: Evan Snapp
- Council Legislative Aide: Andrea Morrow

II. Applications

a. Toledo Wayfinding Signage Application

System of wayfinding signs, funding source for East Toledo is D3 DIP funds. Discussed this application in detail at a former DIP meeting, with no vote. Front Street project is moving forward, so there may be an opportunity to cover some signage through that funding. This $50,000 request would help kickstart the D3 signage with approximately 6 signs.

Motion: Motion was made by Gadus and seconded by Williams to recommend approval of the Toledo Wayfinding Signage District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $50,000 from District 3's available DIP balance.

Vote:

Yeas: Gadus, Williams and Sehlhorst
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

b. RightHear Interpretive Signage Application

RightHear signage in the parks, scan the QR code and verbal description reads out loud through an app. GLRI activism and education that residents can learn to help us continue these funds and programs for City parks. Subscription for 5 years. Can always add additional parks to this subscription in the future. Question on outreach, A-Frames at trail heads and parking lots regarding Right

Hear program. Rely on some common channels to promote program. Toledo will be the first park system in state of Ohio to implement this system.
Can we work with Sight Center on social media? Yes!
Timeline? Passes on 25th, depends on Department capacity to write the interpretation for each of the signs. Pontiac might be quickest; Ottawa has a larger number of signs that will need more time for implementation. Hopefully all done by end of 2026.

The pilot project is being implemented at three parks:
- Ottawa Park in Council District 1, $5,450
- Navarre Park in Council District 3, $2,700
- Pontiac Preserve in Council District 4, $5,450

Motion: Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Sehlhorst to recommend approval of the RightHear Interpretive Signage District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $12,920 from the available DIP balance.

Vote:

Yeas: Hobbs, Gadus, Williams and Fausnaugh
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

III. Discussions

a. Main Street Pocket Park & Parking Lot Application, District 3

i. Next steps, including waiting on pricing and scope of work. Vision for Front Street with big project going forward and two D3 pocket parks might need coordinated together.

b. Area Office on Aging Benches & Trash Cans Application, District 3

i. Next steps, waiting for department partner to return from leave and help finalize costs and locations for benches and trash cans.

c. No additional projects from D1, D2, D4, D5, D6.

Meeting Concluded at 11:22 am.