

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Encouraging the Administration and the City Council Grant Writer to work on funding for a Splash Pad at the “Calise Field Annex” (Parcel 8-2745-0) on Dyer Ave.

No.

Michael J Farina, Council President

Resolved, that

WHEREAS, a Splash Pad is an artificially constructed depression or basin for use by the public, into which water is sprayed but not allowed to accumulate in the bottom, and;

WHEREAS, a number of scientific studies show that access to parks, green space, and “splash pads” can impact health inequities in low-income and minority populations because these spaces are linked to a lower risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, and improved mental health, and;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is one of the fastest warming states in the lower 48, and;

WHEREAS, per National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data, the annual average temperature in Providence County has risen by almost 4 degrees fahrenheit since 1895, and;

WHEREAS, A study conducted by Brown graduate students showed that Rhode Island heat-related emergency department visits and deaths increase notably among people of all ages as temperatures rise above 75 degrees. Having a place to cool down can reduce these emergency department visits and deaths, and;

WHEREAS, per the Centers for Disease Control, black children drown at 5.5 times the rate of other children; exposure to water, including Splash Pads, may reduce these disparities.

WHEREAS, the Cranston City Council agrees that a splash pad at this location could help reduce health disparities, and improve recreational opportunities for residents of the area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Cranston City Council, respectfully request that the Administration and the City Council Grant Writer work to secure funding for a splash pad with or without City funding at the site of the “Calise Field Annex,” located at parcel 8-2745-0, on Dyer Ave; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the City Administration and City Council Grant Writer, the respective Cranston State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly for this location, and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Sponsored by Councilmember John P. Donegan.