

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 11/11/25M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-1020

LOG NAME: 03JOAN KLINE PARK PARTNERSHIP FUND

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize Future Community Partnerships Fund Contribution to Ryan Place Improvement Association in the Amount Up to \$100,000.00 as a One-Time Capital Contribution to Support the Construction of a Joan Kline Park Refresh at 3001 Fifth Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76110, Find that the Contribution Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in Place, Adopt Appropriation Ordinance, and Amend the Fiscal Years 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a contribution to the Ryan Place Improvement Association to pay for 47% of the project cost in the amount up to \$100,000.00 as a one-time capital contribution to support the construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh at 3001 Fifth Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76110;
2. Find that the contribution serves a public purpose of honoring Ms. Kline and transform the Joan Kline Park space, and that adequate controls are in place in the form of a funding agreement that ensures the public purpose is carried out;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund by increasing receipts and appropriations in the Joan Kline Park Refresh project (City Project No. 106507) in the amount of \$100,000.00 and decreasing receipts and appropriations in the Future Community Partnerships programmable project (City Project No. P00047) by the same amount to fund a one-time capital contribution to support the construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh; and
4. Amend the Fiscal Years 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize Future Community Partnership contributions to the Ryan Place Improvement Association (RPIA) for construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh project at 3001 Fifth Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

On August 26, 2025, the City of Fort Worth received a funding request for Future Community Partnership Funds from RPIA for the construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh project at 3001 Fifth Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76110. An updated Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) and construction schedule was submitted on September 29, 2025. RPIA provided a detailed funding schedule totaling 53% of the OPCC from RPIA and a private donation.

In 2023, with the passing of Joan Kline, the Ryan Place neighborhood lost one of its most effective community advocates. Ms. Kline was a founding member of RPIA and a force for good throughout the Southside community and Fort Worth at large. RPIA voted to rename Ryan Place Park in her honor on February 19, 2024, and the City Council authorized the renaming of Ryan Place Triangle Park to Joan Kline Park on June 25, 2024 (M&C 24-0613).

RPIA’s mission includes improving and beautifying the Ryan Place neighborhood, ensuring constructive participation in the development of Fort Worth, and encourages friendly association among its residents. Consistent with RPIA’s mission, the Joan Kline Park Refresh project will honor Ms. Kline and transform the Joan Kline Park space with the addition of proposed curb ramps, flyer plaque, curved steel benches, pergola, and paver enhancements. RPIA has committed that the Joan Kline Park Refresh project will have public access, has not requested any subsidy for operation, and is committed to maintaining the project through an adopt-a-park agreement with the City of Fort Worth.

The City’s contribution in the amount up to \$100,000.00 will be subject to verification that RPIA has successfully:

1. Documented that the remaining amount of contributions needed to fund the Joan Kline Park Refresh construction has been received or committed by other private dollars;
2. Submitted a financial documents indicating full sustainability without the need for additional funding;
3. Will complete an adopt-a-park agreement with the City of Fort Worth; and
4. The contribution will be further conditioned on the execution of a funding agreement to ensure the public purpose is carried out.

The construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh project will further the public purpose of providing public access to honor and remember Ms. Kline.

The funding for this contribution is available in the Future Community Partnerships Programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund to fulfill the City’s commitment to assist in the construction of the Joan Kline Park Refresh project. Funding for the Joan Kline Park Refresh project will be as follows:

	FY2026 Remaining Balance	Authority	Budget Adjustment	FY2026 Remaining Balance

Future Community Partnerships P00047	\$1,272,243.50	This M&C	(\$100,000.00)	\$1,172,243.50
Joan Kline Park Refresh (Project No. 106507)	\$0.00	This M&C	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

The action in this M&C will amend the FY2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan as approved in connection with Ordinance 27979-09-2025.

This Project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Future Community Partnerships programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund for the Joan Kline Park Refresh project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the FWLab has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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