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To: Public Infrastructure Committee
 From: Curtis Hall, Park and Recreation Division Manager
 Re: Zoo Coastal Wetland Aviary project plan funding request

The Lincoln Park Zoo Masterplan update was completed by MSA in 2021. As part of the masterplan MSA recommended renovating the former deer exhibit, crane exhibit and turtle pond area into a Coastal Wetland Aviary. The overall concept as recommended in the masterplan would be to remove all existing dilapidated exhibit infrastructure, including fencing and landscaping, open up the views of the river and perform a natural habitat restoration including native plantings, boardwalks, viewing platforms and interpretive signage. The project is focused on addressing/correcting existing flooding and runoff issues, creating an open-air natural exhibit highlighting native birds in their natural setting, installing new bird nesting structures such as wood duck boxes, purple martin houses, osprey platforms etc.

Following the completion of the masterplan, the Zoo Society Coordinator Andy Janicki, applied for a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program(WCMP) grant. The grant application was successful in securing matching grant funds in the amount of up to \$25,000.

In spring '23 City staff developed and distributed an RFP seeking proposals from numerous consulting firms to complete the full engineered design and construction plans for the Coastal Wetland Aviary project. We received one formal proposal from MSA in the amount of \$49,750. The WCMP grant will fund up to \$25,000 the total. That would leave a total remaining balance of \$24,750. The Zoo Society has voted to approve funding ½ of the remaining balance as long as the City would cover the other ½.

Staff is requesting the PI Committee approve the use of funds from the Zoo donation tube to support 50% of the total remaining plan cost(approximately 1/4 of total plan costs) to hire a professional consultant to develop a Coastal Wetland Aviary Plan for the Lincoln Park Zoo, in the amount of: not to exceed \$12,375.

Plan cost/funding breakdown:

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| • Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant: | \$25,000 |
| • Lincoln Park Zoological Society: | \$12,375 |
| • City of Manitowoc: | <u>\$12,375</u> |
| • Coastal Wetland Aviary Plan cost as proposed by MSA: | \$49,750 |