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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

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RE: Action: Approve transfer of funding from the David & Rita Nelson River Crossing Capital Improvement Plan to fund Phase I of the Ellen Kort Peace Park development for a total of \$750,645.

The 2021 Capital Improvement Plan includes \$650,000 to fund the design and start of construction for the David & Rita Nelson River Crossing. In addition, the 2021 carryover requests approved \$267,102 for permitting and design of the crossing. The unallocated portion of these funds leaves a balance of \$750,645.

Design of the David & Rita Nelson River Crossing was stopped due to Neenah Papers notifying the City that they are selling their properties. As a result this defers the project until such time the property is sold and the new owner agrees to amend their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Permit to include the new bridge crossing within their authorized basin of the Fox River.

This request to transfer funds seeks to not stall, but to continue to make progress toward implementation of the Trail and Comprehensive Park Master Plans. With Jones Park being completed, terms reached with WE Energies to utilize their property for construction of the Ellen Kort Peace Park, DNR approval of the plans, and phase one design completed, we are positioned to move forward with the development of the Ellen Kort Peace Park. Phase one includes civil work to establish site elevations and grading of the park and construction of the riverfront trail. This project will connect Jones Park to the future David & Rita Nelson River Crossing bridge and the future trail boardwalk that will eventually stretch from Vulcan Heritage Park to Lutz Park/Appleton Yacht Club.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or at dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions.