

# SPEAKER GUIDE

8:30 AM – 1:00PM

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, SUMMIT

## PHILADELPHIA

### PUBLIC SPACE SUMMIT

**SATURDAY** OCTOBER 15, 2022

FAIRMOUNT PARK  
CONSERVANCY



FRIENDS  
of the  
Philadelphia Free Library

**KF** KNIGHT  
FOUNDATION



PHILADELPHIA  
PARKS &  
RECREATION

# SCHEDULE

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8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

## REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND NETWORKING

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM

## OPENING REMARKS

9:05 AM – 9:20 AM

## KEYNOTE SESSION

9:20 AM – 10:00 AM

## ROOTED IN COMMUNITY: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PUBLIC SPACES

10:10 AM – 11:00 AM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1

YOUTH RECRUITMENT & ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH  
CREATIVE PROGRAMMING

CURRENT STATE OF THE CITY: CURRENT NEEDS

SHOW US THE MONEY: GETTING THE NEXT MAYOR TO  
FULLY FUND LIBRARIES AND PARKS & REC

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

ADVOCACY AND BUDGET PLANNING

PHILLY REIMAGINING THE CIVIC COMMONS

HEALTH SESSION WITH WE WALK PHL AND  
WALK AROUND PHILADELPHIA

SHOW US THE MONEY: GETTING THE NEXT MAYOR TO  
FULLY FUND LIBRARIES AND PARKS & REC

12:00 PM – 12:50 PM

## LUNCH

12:50 PM – 1:00 PM

## CLOSING REMARKS

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# SESSIONS

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9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

## KEYNOTE

# ROOTED IN COMMUNITY: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PUBLIC SPACES

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## ABOUT:

Driven mainly by severe income disparity, gentrification is a problem in most American cities. Lower-income and long-term residents are displaced from their neighborhoods and communities for the sake of progress and growth. However, can actual growth be achieved when those without excessive resources are forced from their homes? As Philadelphia strives to uphold its status as a World Heritage City, these are issues that require immediate attention. How can we resolve conflicts and find equitable solutions for gentrification?

# SPEAKERS

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**JAMIE GAUTHIER**

Councilmember  
City of Philadelphia



**DE'WAYNE DRUMMOND**

President & Director  
Mantua Civic  
Association



**VERÓNICA M. AYALA FLORES**

Program Manager  
Philadelphia Citizens  
Planning Institute



**LULA DEFERSHA**

Coalition and  
Convening Director  
Fairmount Park  
Conservancy

10:10 AM – 11:00 AM

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1A

# YOUTH RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

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### ABOUT:

Recruitment and Retention is an in-depth, interactive experience, which includes one 50-minute session covering nationally-recognized best practices on humanistic ways to recruit young people. The session will also guide participants through two approaches to retain and engage young people using an anti-racist, trauma-informed framework. Using our 7-step process, participants will walk away with actionable next steps to increase the effectiveness in both recruiting new youth and retaining existing participants. This training is shaped by Creative Praxis' 25+ years of experience effectively engaging young people and children worldwide.

## SPEAKERS

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**NIA  
EUBANKS-DIXON**

Founder/Lead Trainer  
Creative Praxis

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1B**

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH CREATIVE PROGRAMMING

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**ABOUT:**

Are you interested in learning more about building an audience within your community? Are you looking for initiatives to involve the youth voice in your organization? Bartram's Garden and Riverfront North Partnership will explore community engagement through creative programming. This session will dive into programs developed to showcase the resources and projects that have been successful in their communities.

## SPEAKERS

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**ASEEL  
RASHEED**

Public Programs  
Director  
Bartram's Garden



**GINA  
CRAIGO**

Community  
Engagement Manager  
Riverfront North  
Partnership

10:10 AM – 11:00 AM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1C**

# CURRENT STATE OF THE CITY: CURRENT NEEDS

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**ABOUT:**

This session will focus on the current high-level needs throughout the city of Philadelphia. We will be joined by Philadelphia Parks & Rec and The Friends of the Free Library.

Philadelphia Parks & Rec will dive deeper into their strategic realignment effort, “Goal 3, Realigning as we Rebuild”, working towards greater racial equity and increased programs and services in communities of color. The Friends of the Free Library will focus on their needs for staffing as libraries return to regular operations following COVID. Learn more about the needs and openings of various city programs and departments.

## SPEAKERS

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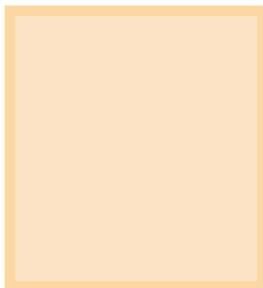
### **PATRICK MORGAN**

First Deputy  
Commissioner, Strategy  
and Engagement  
Philadelphia Parks &  
Recreation



### **BILL SALVATORE**

Deputy Commissioner,  
Program Division  
Philadelphia Parks &  
Recreation



### **LINDA COLWELL SMITH**

Co-Chair  
Board of the Friends  
of the Free Library



### **YVETTE HILL ROBINSON**

Co-Chair  
Board of the Friends of  
the Free Library

10:10 AM – 11:00 AM + 11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION 1D + BREAKOUT SESSION 2D

## SHOW US THE MONEY: GETTING THE NEXT MAYOR TO FULLY FUND LIBRARIES AND PARKS & REC

### ABOUT:

This session is the second of two centered on the current high-level needs of the Philadelphia government. From a practical perspective, how can attendees assist in improving the lives of other Philadelphians? This session will address how to get involved in advocacy with the Parks and Rec Heroes Fund especially in this time leading up to the next Mayoral Race.

## SPEAKERS

### BREAKOUT SESSION 1D



#### ALEX DOTY

Executive Director  
Parks & Recreation  
Heroes Fund



#### KATE GOODMAN

Community Initiatives  
Specialist  
Free Library of  
Philadelphia

### BREAKOUT SESSION 2D



#### ALEX DOTY

Executive Director  
Parks & Recreation  
Heroes Fund



#### LINDA COLWELL SMITH

Co-Chair  
Board of the Friends of  
the Free Library

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2A**

## ADVOCACY AND BUDGET PLANNING

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**ABOUT:**

What steps do you need to take for proper budget and advocacy planning? This session will emphasize the power of knowing the legislative process and schedule of the calendar, tailoring information to your audience, and ensuring that information is communicated in a way that is easy to understand. Attendees will be shown examples of materials that have led to successful campaigns for the Friends of the Free Library.

## SPEAKERS

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**ERME  
MAULA**

Member  
Friends of Mifflin  
Square Park

**FLAN  
PARK**

Volunteer Coordinator  
Free Library of  
Philadelphia

11:10 AM – 12:00 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2E**

# PHILLY REIMAGINING THE CIVIC COMMONS

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**ABOUT:**

The Civic Commons Collective has worked tirelessly for years to repurpose and reimagine the city's existing urban infrastructure into new amenities for the many communities that define Philadelphia. Involving these communities in the planning process is incredibly important, and this session will explore how private/public partnerships foster innovation and collaboration by welcoming those who have traditionally been blocked from involvement.

## SPEAKERS

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**MAURA  
MCCARTHY, PHD**

Executive Director  
Fairmount Park  
Conservancy



**TONETTA  
GRAHAM**

Founder and Executive  
Director  
Strawberry Mansion  
Community  
Development  
Corporation



**CHRIS  
SPAHR**

Executive Director  
Centennial CDC

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 2C**

## **HEALTH SESSION WITH WE WALK PHL AND WALK AROUND PHILADELPHIA**

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**ABOUT:**

This health-focused session will discuss two walking programs in Philadelphia – We Walk PHL and Walk Around Philadelphia – to increase awareness and build excitement for both, as well as spark future collaboration. Both programs accentuate the benefits of walking, increase the use of Philadelphia parks and trails, and allow folks to pursue fitness goals while admiring the wonderful city.

## **SPEAKERS**

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**JJ  
TIZIOU**

Artist/Founder  
Walk Around  
Philadelphia



**NICOLE  
HAMEEN**

Community Program  
Manager  
We Walk PHL

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

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### GINA CRAIGO

Community Engagement Manager  
Riverfront North Partnership

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#### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1: Community Engagement through Creative Programming

Gina Craigo joined Riverfront North Partnership in May 2019 as Community Engagement Manager for the new 10-acre riverfront park in Bridesburg. After spending the past 12 years in suburban Philadelphia environmental organizations, she was happy to return to her Northeast Philadelphia roots, having grown up in Northwood exploring Pennypack Park. She has 20 years of local government and nonprofit experience leading events, communications, outreach, creating programs and building strategic relationships. Gina has an undergraduate degree in sociology and political science from Pitt (H2P!) and a MPA from Villanova University. She lives in Elkins Park with her husband, two daughters, rescue pup and two cats, and can usually be found either on the sidelines cheering or coaching her girls in soccer and softball and squeezing in time outdoors in the remaining free time!



### LINDA COLWELL SMITH

Co-Chair  
Board of the Friends of the Free Library

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#### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1 & 2: Show Us the Money: Getting the Next Mayor to Fully Fund Libraries and Parks & Rec

Like the rest of today's speakers, Linda L. Colwell-Smith needs to be cloned. The retired Research Director of the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters, she currently serves as current Interim Co-Chair of the Friends of the Free Library, President of the Friends of Torresdale Library, Vice President of Holme Circle Civic Association and Vice President of the Torresdale Playground Advisory Council.



## DE'WAYNE DRUMMOND

President & Director  
Mantua Civic Association

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### FEATURED IN

*Rooted in Community: Connecting People to Public Spaces*

DeWayne Drummond is a CPI graduate from Fall 2012, and a CPI instructor for both Fall 2014 and Spring 2019. De'Wayne is President of the Mantua Civic Association. He has been in this role for the past 7 years, ever since the Association's origin.

This year, the Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition chose DeWayne for an Executive Board position. The Crosstown Coalition is a group of Registered Community Organizations (RCOs) around Philadelphia. Members brainstorm and promote policy changes, updates, and revisions. Issues include schools and education, zoning and land use, taxes and city finance, and anti SLAPP legislation.



## LULA DEFERSHA

Coalition and Convening Director  
Fairmount Park Conservancy

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### FEATURED IN

*Rooted in Community: Connecting People to Public Spaces*

Lula Defersha joined the Fairmount Park Conservancy team in September 2022. As Director of Coalition & Convening, Lula is responsible for convening community members, citizen advocates, and public space partners around key geographies and common issues.

Lula is a Nonprofit leader who spent 12 years working as a community collaborator, facilitator, advocate, and youth development specialist. Lula is passionate about uncovering and amplifying the inner stories of people within organizations, communities, and in their own lives to help them unlock new successes both collaboratively and developmentally. Lula excels in nurturing strategic relationships in cross-cultural work environments and helping people unlock their true potential, connect better, and move forward in unison.



## ALEX DOTY

Executive Director  
Parks & Recreation Heros Fund

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1 & 2: Show Us the Money: Getting the Next Mayor to Fully Fund Libraries and Parks & Rec

Alex has a strong professional history in bringing small organizations forward with focused strategic planning, growing coalitions, and creative fundraising to support this growth. As Executive Director of the League of American Bicyclists in Washington, DC, he oversaw a national summit, built stronger local advocacy, stabilized their membership program and consolidated data information. Locally, he led the Bicycle Coalition for 11 years, growing it from two staff and a small budget to a staff of 20 with a budget of \$1.2 million. He has shared best practices with partner organizations, worked to advance equity, diversity and inclusion within his organizations, and cultivated skills and growth among his staff.



## NIA EUBANKS-DIXON

Founder/Lead Trainer  
Creative Praxis

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1: Youth Recruitment & Engagement

Nia Eubanks-Dixon is the founder and creator of Creative Praxis. The art-infused, healing-informed, and anti-racist trainings of Creative Praxis emerged from the research and experiences of Nia Eubanks-Dixon. Nia brings in over 20 years of experience working with diverse youth and their communities around the world most impacted by systemic oppression. Mrs. Eubanks-Dixon is an international master trainer/facilitator, counsellor, professional dancer/storyteller, teacher, and a therapeutic restorative community artist.

Mrs. Eubanks-Dixon is certified in life coaching, brief counselling, crisis intervention, the dialogic process, restorative practices, interactive mediation, restorative arts, trauma healing, and de-escalation techniques. In 2002, she received her BFA in Dance Education from the University of the Arts. In 2017, she received her Master's Degree in Urban Studies with a concentration in Community Arts from Eastern University.



## VERÓNICA M. AYALA FLORES

Program Manager

Philadelphia Citizens Planning Institute

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### FEATURED IN

[Rooted in Community: Connecting People to Public Spaces](#)

Verónica firmly believes in everyone's ability to participate in a greater conversation; one that affects the way we live, and the pursuit to improve it. For years, in both volunteer and professional capacities, she has been facilitating collaborations, organizing, and developing strategies, leading creative initiatives, and building the skills of leaders to advance social transformation.

While studying architecture at Temple University, Verónica honed her passion for urban affairs into the creation of Building Relationships in Communities [BRIC]; a collective that creates stronger neighborhoods through inclusive projects and fostering relationships between traditionally separate communities. Previously, Verónica worked at Philadelphia LISC, where she facilitated the Community Connectors program and the co-facilitated the Experience Eastern North tour program.



## JAMIE GAUTHIER

Councilmember

City of Philadelphia

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### FEATURED IN

[Rooted in Community: Connecting People to Public Spaces](#)

Jamie R. Gauthier represents West and Southwest Philadelphia as the 3rd District City Councilmember.

Since assuming office in January 2020, Councilmember Gauthier has fought for her constituents' right to live with dignity and remain in the neighborhoods they've called home for decades. Councilmember Gauthier's agenda prioritizes creating and preserving affordable housing, improving educational outcomes, connecting residents to family-sustaining jobs, advancing small businesses, and investing in community-based assets. She committed \$4 million to improve neglected parks and recreation centers and championed an immediate \$30 million investment in basic services improvements in FY 23 through her #JustServicesPHL campaign. Councilmember Gauthier served as Executive Director of the Fairmount Park Conservancy previously, where she led the Conservancy in carrying out vital improvements in West Fairmount Park.



## KATE GOODMAN

Community Initiatives Specialist  
Free Library of Philadelphia

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1 & 2: Show Us the Money: Getting the Next Mayor to Fully Fund Libraries and Parks & Rec

Kate Goodman is a Community Initiatives Specialist at the Free Library of Philadelphia. She is also a union steward and proud member of AFSCME District Council 47 Local 2187, representing workers in the North Philadelphia region. She had spent the last 5 years working with community members, library workers, and city workers across departments to win better working conditions that also improve City services for Philadelphians. On the basis of building working class power, solidarity, and identifying shared interest, Friends and City workers have won over \$16 million dollars for the Free Library.



## TONETTA GRAHAM

Founder and Executive Director  
Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Philly Reimagining the Civic Commons

Tonnetta Graham is a Philadelphia native who is a Founder and current President of the Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation (SMCDC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to neighborhood preservation, commercial, residential and economic development, planning and advocacy. She has successfully lead community engagement efforts and negotiations on a wide variety of development projects that have resulted in community benefits that stabilized the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood and empowered its longtime residents. Her visionary leadership of SMCDC lead to the creation of a variety of programs and initiatives such as the Strawberry Mansion Historic Home Repair Program, Homeowner Emergency Repair Grant, Strawberry Mansion Neighborhood Conservation Overlay and the Essential Documents programs. Her additional service efforts include board affiliations with the Strawberry Mansion Neighborhood Action Center, East Fairmount Park Coalition, Community Partnership School Trustee Board and the Audubon/Outward Bound Discovery Center Board. She serves as a Community Engagement Consultant for Philadelphia Parks and Recreation and as an Instructor for the Philadelphia Citizen's Planning Institute. She also is a contributor to its Citizen's Tool Kit and Philadelphia's Neighborhood Preservation Tool Kit.



## NICOLE HAMEEN

Community Program Manager  
We Walk PHL

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Health Session with We Walk PHL and Walk Around Philadelphia

Nicole Seahorne Hameen joined the Fairmount Park Conservancy team in January 2021 as the Community Program

Coordinator. She continues to interface throughout the city, enhancing community facing partnerships, participation and promotions. Nicole first came to the Conservancy in 2017 as a volunteer and then worked as a consultant. She began as a walk leader for WeWalkPHL, a free walking group program to support and engage neighborhoods with healthy initiatives including walking, hiking, “eat and educate” workshops and appreciation of green spaces. She now manages the program.

Nicole has reconnected with nature for empowerment and as a way to pay homage to her ancestors’ understanding that stewardship, elements of nature and its principles have always been present in indigenous cultures throughout the African diaspora. Her community activism is expansive.



## KATHRYN OTT LOVELL

Commissioner  
Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

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### FEATURED IN

Opening Remarks

Kathryn Ott Lovell was appointed commissioner of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation (Parks & Rec) by Mayor Jim Kenney in

January 2016. In this position, Ott Lovell oversees 700 full-time employees, more than 2,700 part-time and seasonal employees, over 10,200 acres of land, 500 buildings, 166 miles of trail, 250 playgrounds, and thousands of programs and events throughout Philadelphia’s parks and recreation system.

In 2017, Ott Lovell commissioned the first strategic plan for Philadelphia Parks & Recreation. The plan, Our Path to 2020, established a renewed vision for the department and set in motion a powerful trajectory toward an equitable and exceptional parks and recreation system that connects people to each other, to enriching experiences, and to the natural world.



## ERME MAULA

Member

Friends of Mifflin Square Park

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Advocacy and Budget Planning

An active member of Friends of Mifflin Square Park, Erme Maula, RN, MSN, has over 25 years of experience in public and community health. Her career has taken her from issues in maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS programming and advocacy, physical health and rehabilitation, mental health and recovery, and full-spectrum doula work.

She is grounded in social justice and strives to support everyone moving forward in their lives, regardless of their challenges. She believes that everything is interconnected, and by understanding our woven histories, we can begin to work to dismantle oppression and work toward a just world.

When not at community meetings, Erme can be found cooking, baking, gardening, watching films, crafting, or conspiring on making a better Philadelphia.



## MAURA MCCARTHY, PHD

Executive Director

Fairmount Park Conservancy

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### FEATURED IN

Opening Remarks

Maura joined Fairmount Park Conservancy as its Executive Director in November of 2019 and oversees 29 employees who are leading community programming, capital projects and land management across key sites throughout Philadelphia's 10,200 acres of parks. For the 13 years prior, Maura was executive director of Friends of the Wissahickon, Philadelphia's only professionally staffed Park Friends group, harnessing over 10,000 hours of volunteer engagement each year to support a National Recreation Trail and an 1,800-acre National Natural Landmark.

A native to the Philadelphia region, McCarthy has a strong record of public service. She currently serves on the Green City, Clean Waters Steering Committee for Philadelphia Water Department and was a member of Mayor Jim Kenney's Transition Team on Environment & Sustainability.



## PATRICK MORGAN

First Deputy Commissioner, Strategy and Engagement  
Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1: Current State of the City: Current Needs

Patrick Morgan serves as the first deputy commissioner, strategy & engagement providing leadership for various units within the department, including Communications, Business Development & Concessions, Special Events, Leadership Development & Training, and Performance Management. Morgan helps provide strategic direction and capacity to ensure that PPR is a high-performing, efficient, and responsive leader and partner both internally and externally to help advance its goals as well as those of the Kenney Administration. Morgan earned a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Scranton. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Villanova University.



## FLAN PARK

Volunteer Coordinator  
Free Library of Philadelphia

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Advocacy and Budget Planning

Flan Park is a Free Library of Philadelphia Volunteer Coordinator and a rank-and-file worker in AFSCME DC 47 Local 2187. At the Free Library, Flan has focused on building community capacity for accessible learning support, responsive programming initiatives, and advocacy for stable funding for full library staffing. Their work has taken them into neighborhoods in every corner of Philadelphia to distribute Free Library resources and organize for the common good.

Flan has presented on LGBTQ programming in children's library services at ALA Annual in 2018 and PLA Annual in 2020. Their work on organizing rank-and-file library labor in response to COVID-19 was featured in the Summer 2020 session of the Library Freedom Institute presented by IMLS. Flan is a steering member of Philly's UNITY Caucus in AFSCME, a cross-local organizing project for greater workplace democracy across municipal departments.



## **ASEEL RASHEED**

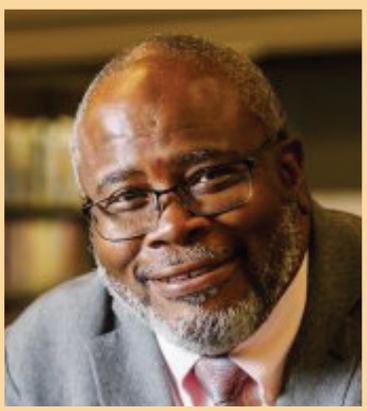
Public Programs Director  
Bartram's Garden

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### **FEATURED IN**

Breakout Session 1: Community Engagement through  
Creative Programming

Aseel comes to Bartram's with a diverse background in service, science, and the arts. Her interest is in creating spaces that are welcoming and in service to all. She leads a team of creatives producing education, river, arts & culture, and interpretative programming for the public in partnership with local community.



## **KELLY RICHARDS**

President & Director  
Free Library of Philadelphia

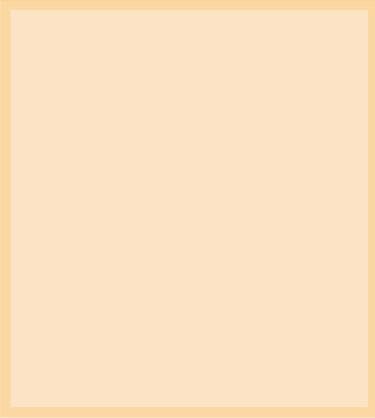
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### **FEATURED IN**

Opening Remarks

Kelly Richards earned his Associate's and Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University. He served as a police officer in the Bishop Airport and in Flint, Michigan. Once established, Richards continued to earn his Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Richards has an impressive portfolio of work, a few names including the Chairperson of the Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance, the Director of the Muskegon Area District Library, and President of the Michigan Library Association.



## YVETTE HILL ROBINSON

Co-Chair

Board of the Friends of the Free Library

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1: Current State of the City: Current Needs

Art, Books, Children, Poetry Slams, Storytimes in the Parks and all things in the ecosystem of libraries are as natural as breathing to advocate/communications consultant, Yvette Hill Robinson, Co-Chair of the Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia, Overbrook Park Library & West Cluster Library Friends member.



## BILL SALVATORE

Deputy Commissioner, Program Division

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 1: Current State of the City: Current Needs

Bill has been a member of Philadelphia Parks & Recreation since prior to the merger in 2008. Bill started his career as a summer camp counselor in high school and has progressed through the ranks from permanent part-time employee to facility supervisor to his current role as Deputy Commissioner of the Program Division.

In his previous roles, Bill was instrumental in the implementation of the department's strategic plan, as well as working on partnership development and organizational culture. In his current role, Bill manages 150+ recreation centers in the city, swimming pools, older adult centers, ice-skating rinks, and environmental centers. Additionally, he manages the largest out-of-school food program in the city, providing over 2 million meals to children while overseeing the summer Work Ready program, which provides employment opportunities to over 1300 Philadelphia youth every summer.



## CHRIS SPAHR

Executive Director  
Centennial CDC

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Philly Reimagining the Civic Commons

In 2019, Chris Spahr completed a PhD in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin and now serve as an Urban Innovation Fellow at Drexel University’s Lindy Institute for Urban Innovation. His research has focused on how social enterprises within communities can build wealth through shifting resource ownership to communities. These are the same topics that motivate him to serve the East Parkside community.

Chris has a varied background, which has allowed him to work in east Africa and South America as well in non-profit youth development in Harrisburg and as an urban planner in the private sector in Pennsylvania and in Wisconsin. The events in his life that have led him to Philadelphia are numerous and diverse, but all point in the direction of service to communities striving to reach their fullest potential. It is with this spirit that Chris is motivated to serve the East Parkside Community as the Executive Director of the Centennial Parkside CDC.



## JJ TIZIOU

Artist/Founder  
Walk Around Philadelphia

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### FEATURED IN

Breakout Session 2: Health Session with We Walk PHL and Walk Around Philadelphia

Jacques-Jean “JJ” Tiziou creates public art experiences, hosts house concerts, serves as block captain and works as a Licensed Massage Therapist. JJ has been recognized as one of Philadelphia’s “Creative Connectors” by Leadership Philadelphia and is the recipient of the Spiral-Q Artist Activist Award. His 85,000 sq. ft. How Philly Moves mural at PHL International Airport was recognized as one of the nation’s best public art projects by Americans for the Arts in their Public Art Network Year in Review. As the organizer of Walk Around Philadelphia, he has walked the full perimeter of Philadelphia ten times and helped facilitate this unique experience of the city for hundreds of others; he invites you to join him in exploring the city’s edge and making it more accessible to all.