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Thru	Stephen Bentley, Director
From	Troy Burton, Administrator Historic Resources and Museums
Department	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
Date	June 11, 2025
Subject	Electric Train Engine Acquisition at Pullen Park Historic Attractions

Background

The Pullen Park train consisting of a train engine and passenger cars are a central feature of Pullen Park Historic Attractions located at 520 Ashe Avenue in Raleigh. Currently Pullen Park operates a propane train engine nearing the end of its service life. Monies for acquisition are provided from PRCR Capital Improvement Fund as well as a \$100,000 from the Office of Sustainability Climate Action Fund.

Bid Information

The project was publicly advertised for bid on March 21, 2025 based on criteria to produce an electric train engine while matching current track gauge and passenger car compatibility. The public bid deadline closed on April 25, 2025 with the winning bidder, Chance Rides, submitting a total project cost of \$372,850. Chance Rides also built the current propane engine and passenger cars and considered a leader in the attractions industry.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council approve the contract for Chance Rides to build an electric train engine for Pullen Park Historic Attractions.