RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A GRANT TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FARMERS MARKET STRUCTURE

Whereas, The DDA Development Plan sets forward that the DDA will support other organizations working in the downtown area through grants;

Whereas, The Public Market Advisory Commission, a Parks & Recreation Service Unit at the City, is pursuing the construction of a new market structure and applied to the DDA for a grant in support of this project in the amount of \$200,000:

Whereas, This new market structure is intended to expand vendor stall capacity, improve the experience for all users, and increase the amount of activity in the Market and nearby Kerrytown commercial area, particularly in the cold weather months;

Whereas, Members of the DDA met on January 14th to review grant applications, and by consensus the group recommended that a \$175,000 DDA grant be provided from the FY 2016 budget because it was felt that the project meets the mission and values of the DDA to strengthen downtown, spark increased economic activity within the Kerrytown neighborhood, cultivate a memorable sense of place, and enhance walkability along N. Fourth Avenue;

Whereas, This grant was reviewed by the Finance Committee, and the Finance Committee recommends approval by the DDA board.

RESOLVED, The DDA approves a grant in the amount of \$175,000 from its FY 2016 TIF budget as recommended by its Finance Committee.

A vote on the amended resolution showed:

AYES: Crawford, Guenzel, Hewitt, Lowenstein, Klopf, McWilliams, Mouat, Narayan, Orr,

Smith, Splitt, Weiss

NAYS: none ABSENT: none ABSTAIN: none

The amended resolution carried.