

Library Green Conservancy Board Approved Statement

The Library Green Conservancy Board of Directors (Conservancy Board) discussed the proposal to provide financial support for activities directly undertaken by the consulting group selected in the Request for Proposals (RFP Project) process for the Center of the City Park and Civic Center Commons (Park and Commons). The Conservancy Board approved a contribution of up to \$20,000 to support the RFP Project.

In approving this contribution, the Conservancy Board unanimously agreed to the following set of expectations:

1. The Conservancy Board provides this funding in good faith, and trusts that the intent of the Center of the City Charter Amendment, approved by voters in 2018, will be honored.
2. The RFP Project, following the model of the Request for Information, will continue to include the overarching goals of activating the entire set of public spaces on the Library Block, as outlined in the recommendations documented in the 2020 Center of the City Task Force Report, including walking linkages between Liberty Plaza, the Park and Commons surface parking area, Library Lane, Kempf House, and access to multiple adjacent streets.
3. The key partners, including the City of Ann Arbor, the Downtown Development Authority, the Council of the Commons, the Library Green Conservancy Board, and the Ann Arbor Community Commons Initiating Committee will work collaboratively to ensure both the immediate and long term success of the Park and Commons.
4. The key partners commit to actively engaging Block Partners and other area businesses, foundations and nonprofit organizations to participate in the project to ensure both the immediate and long term success of the Center of the City Park and Commons.

5. As the primary financial partners, the City of Ann Arbor and the Conservancy Board will work cooperatively to pursue funding opportunities including state, federal, and foundation grants and financial support from Block Partners, the broader business community and other community organizations.

6. The Council of the Commons will continue to consult and advise on the RFP and selection of the consultant for the Project.

7. If for any reason the City does not proceed with the RFP Project, including for insufficient funding, the Library Green Conservancy will be released from its financial commitment. Funds up to \$20,000 will be paid at the point the city awards the RFP.