



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: September 18, 2023 Council Agenda Response Memo

DATE: September 14, 2023

CA-6- Resolution to Support the Installation of "Murals That Bridge" Project by Mary Thiefels of TreeTown Murals Railroad Metal Overpasses and Concrete Underpass Project on Huron Street near North First Street and Authorize an Application for a MDOT Permit

Question: "Murals that Bridge" for Huron St near North First St. Am I correct that this project comprises *two* murals, one on Huron St that will be completed this Fall and is fully funded; one on No Main that is slated for next year and for which funding is still needed? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: Yes, Murals that Bridge comprises two murals, one on Huron St. bridge and the other on the North Main St. bridge. Total cost of entire projects is \$357,325. A funding gap of \$133,750 is needed to complete the North Main St. portion (slated for 2024). Funding for the Huron Street bridge has been secured at a cost of \$145.370.

CA-10 – Resolution to Approve Annexation of Vacant Land on Traver Road, 5.23 Acres

Question: How will this land be maintained as part of our Parks system? Is the intent to extend existing adjacent parks? (Councilmember Akmon)

Response: This land has been added to Leslie Park Golf Course, which is shown on [Map Ann Arbor](#), but [Map Washtenaw](#) does not reflect that change yet. The natural features of the property fall under the management of Parks' Natural Area Preservation (NAP) division. NAP has not yet developed detailed species inventories or management plans for this newer parkland addition, but newly secured funding will allow for species inventories, prioritization and management plans in the coming 18-24 months.

Question: This sounds like a boon: could staff provide a little more context about the annexation? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: Please see staff's response above.

CA-11 - Resolution to Accept and Appropriate a HUD Grant, Approve a Program Contract with HUD, and Approve a Subrecipient Agreement with the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation (\$3,000,000.00) (8 Votes Required)

Question: I'm very excited to see this 3M grant from HUD to AAHC to support safe, healthy, net zero affordable housing. Is this for the Catherine St. project? Am I remembering correctly that AAHC hired a grant writer who helps to identify and apply for these opportunities? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The \$3 million is a previously received congressionally directed initiative that was lobbied by the city administrator's office and sponsored by Congresswoman Dingell. A grant writer was not hired. This grant does not include the 121 Catherine site, it includes renovations to 10 sites already owned by the AAHC and its 501c3 non-profit subsidiaries. The main change we are proposing is that the grant be issued to our 501c3 due to the grant being a reimbursement grant.

B-2 - An Ordinance to Amend Section 1:207 (Transportation Commission) of Chapter 8 of City Code (ORD-23-23)

Question: Is there a further amendment to this amendment following the postponement? Was there discussion of a further amendment to this amendment? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The Transportation Commission unanimously recommended against the proposed suggestion from Council to add an age requirement to one of the seats on the Transportation Commission. The rationale for this vote varied across Commission members – the discussion on this topic can be seen on the 8/16/23 Transportation Commission meeting recording starting at the 1:08:30 time stamp mark (<https://ctnvideo.a2gov.org/CablecastPublicSite/show/8717?site=1>).