



Chicago Park District

Legislation Text

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AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT IRVING PARK AND THE CHICAGO RIVER FOR THE EXPANSION OF CALIFORNIA PARK

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District

I. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District adopt an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of property located at Irving Park Road and the River from River Park North Homeowners' Association, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation for the expansion of California Park. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the General Superintendent, or his designee, to negotiate, enter into, and execute such agreements, amendments, indemnities, and instruments and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the transaction described herein.

II. Agreement Information

Grantor: River Park North Homeowners' Association,
an Illinois not-for-profit corporation
c/o Bob Langjahr, Property Manager
First Community Management
935 W. Chestnut Street, Suite 201
Chicago, IL 60642

Transfer Type: Donation

Granting Instrument: Deed

Agreements: Donation agreements, and, if applicable, temporary right of entry, easements, restrictive covenants, and any other agreements or instruments necessary to comply with any restrictions of record for a portion or the entirety of the Property and the transfer of funds for development.

Authorization: Authorize the General Superintendent to negotiate, enter into, and execute such intergovernmental agreements, amendments to intergovernmental agreements, indemnities, and instruments and perform any and all acts as shall be necessary or advisable in connection with the transactions described herein, including compliance with existing easements, if any, filing of street and alley vacation or dedication applications, plats of dedication, and other applicable requirements. Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements, amendments and transfer instruments. Authorize the Secretary to attest as to the signing of the Agreements and transfer instruments and keep an original copy of the Agreement on file.

III. Explanation

Pursuant to Planned Development 866, approved by the Chicago City Council on November 5, 2003 the River Park North Homeowners' Association, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation desires to donate a parcel of land generally located at Irving Park Road and the River for the expansion of California Park. The parcel is approximately .25 acre.

This parcel will contribute to a connection between California Park and Horner Park via the proposed Irving Park Underbridge Connector. The Irving Park Underbridge connection to the North Branch River Trail helps complete a critical link in the off-set trail spanning from the City core on the south and the extensive set of northern trails that extend to the Botanic Gardens, Fort Sheridan and points north. The Irving Park Underbridge Connector and the Addison Underbridge Connector provide a linkage between Clark Park, California Park and Horner Park, access to these parks is substantially enhanced and will reintroduce the river to thousands of Chicagoans.

IV. General Conditions

1) *Conflicts:* The Agreement shall not be legally binding on the Chicago Park District if entered into in violation of the provisions of 50 ILCS 105, the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act.

2) *Ethics:* The Chicago Park District's Ethics Code, Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District, shall be incorporated into and made part of the agreement.

3) *Contingent Liability:* Any agreement lawfully entered into for a period of more than one year shall be executory only for the amounts for which the Park District may become liable in succeeding fiscal years pursuant to 70 ILCS 17(i).