



Chicago Park District

Legislation Text

File #: 20-1223-1118, Version: 3

AUTHORITY TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 837 W. 36th STREET FOR THE EXPANSION OF DONAVON PARK (1029)

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 acquisition of property located at 837 W. 36th Street for the expansion of Donavon Park and for the Park District to contribute an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000 for the purchase of the property. 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: Openlands
25 E. Washington Street
Suite 1650
Chicago, IL 60602

Transfer Type: Acquisition

Granting Instrument: Deed

Agreements: Purchase agreement, 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.

Authorization: Authorize the General Superintendent to negotiate, enter into, and execute such agreements, amendments to 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

Openlands is acquiring vacant property located at 837 W. 36th Street and intends to convey it to the Park District for a total cost of \$1,050,000, which includes the purchase price and closing costs. Of this amount the City is contributing \$550,000, and the Park District would contribute \$500,000.

This approximately .45-acre parcel will expand Donavon Park. Donavon (George) Park is a 3-acre park located at 3620 S. Lituania Avenue. Closing a portion of Lituania Avenue will connect the park to the expansion parcel and add additional open space. This park expansion would address the open space needs of the Bridgeport Community Area and the 11th ward. The Bridgeport Community Area has an open space need of 10.30 acres. This acquisition has community support and the support of the Alderman.

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).