THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Subject: Donation of a parking lot at Masters Park

Staff Resource(s): D. Tyrell McGirt, Director, Parks and Recreation
Pete Wall, Focus Area Manager, Parks and Recreation

Action Requested: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation from the Haw Creek Community Association for a parking lot at Masters Park.

Background:
- The Parks & Recreation Department maintains over 50 parks/greenway facilities.
- Each year it has become increasingly difficult to meet the demands of increased use of the City's parks.
- The need to develop a parking area at Master Park has been identified by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- The donor (Haw Creek Neighborhood Association) has raised $67,000 to support the construction of a parking lot and trailhead kiosk for Masters Park.
- The donor will contract with Anchor Plumbing of WNC, Inc., to complete the project and will provide all labor, materials, and supplies for the construction of the project.
- The City will review and approve the construction plans prior to commencement of the project.
- The investment ensures a much needed amenity will be constructed in a timely manner.
- By collaborating with an external partner, it reduces the Capital burden on the city to make these improvements.
- The Neighborhood Association is contracting for the work and paying the entire cost.

Vendor Outreach Efforts:
- N/A

Council Goal(s):
- A Well planned and Livable Community
- Clean and Healthy Environment

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- The investment ensures a much needed amenity will be constructed in a timely manner.
- By collaborating with an external partner, it reduces the Capital burden on the city to make these improvements.

Con(s):
- None

Fiscal Impact:
- The Neighborhood Association is contracting for the work and paying the entire cost.
- The addition of the parking lot will increase routine maintenance needs by $5,000 per year.
- This cost will be absorbed within the current approved Park & Recreation budget.

Suggested Motion:
- Motion to authorize the City Manager to accept a donation from the Haw Creek Community Association for a parking lot at Masters Park and to execute any necessary related documents..

Attachment(s):
- Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22- _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE HAW CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR A PARKING LOT AT MASTERS PARK AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY RELATED TO THIS DONATION

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is authorized pursuant to G.S. 160A-240.1 to acquire the fee or any lesser interest in real property by gif, bequest or an other lawful method, and is authorized pursuant to G.S. 160A-353 to accept any gift, grant or bequest of real property for parks and recreation programs, and to hold such property subject to the terms and conditions as may be imposed by the grantor: and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is interested in enhancing its park system throughout the corporate limits of the CIty of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the Haw Creek Community Association has successfully met all the requirements of the parking lot installation; and

WHEREAS, the Haw Creek Community Association is donating the parking lot to the Cityof Asheville valued at $67,000; and

WHEREAS, the project aligns with the City Council 2036 Vision in the following way: It supports a well-planned and livable community and harmony with the natural environment through the investment in parks and open spaces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is authorized to accept a donation from the Haw Creek Community Association for a parking lot at Masters Park and to execute any documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Read, approved and adopted this 8th day of March, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney