



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Irvin and City Council

FROM: The Law Department

DATE: April 15, 2021

SUBJECT:

A Resolution to Enter into a Donation Agreement with Metropolitan Family Services for the Installation of a Playful Learning Project Educational Monument at the Marie Wilkinson Community Gardens

PURPOSE:

To enter into a Donation Agreement with Metropolitan Family Services on behalf the Playful Learning Project.

BACKGROUND:

Playful Learning is a project that transforms everyday public spaces where families work, play, and live into opportunities to learn. It is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Chicago Children's Museum, (Exhibit Designer); Metropolitan Family Services, (Implementation Partner); Fox Valley United Way - SPARK, (Community Anchor Organization); CME Group Foundation, (Donor); Crown Family Philanthropies, (Donor); Dunham Foundation, (Donor); Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation, (Donor); Robert R. McCormick Foundation, (Donor); and the Steans Family Foundation, (Donor). It brings together the science of learning and urban design to infuse cities with playful learning opportunities. Playful Learning has specifically designed an educational monument for the perimeter of the Marie Wilkinson Community Gardens. The monument will encourage playful educational discussion between children and adults as they interact with the monument.

DISCUSSION:

Playful Learning project plans to install the educational monument in the first week of June 2021. The monument is designed to withstand outdoor elements. Upon completion of the monument, the City will accept ownership and maintenance responsibility.

IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Playful Learning Project educational monument will add both a colorful aesthetic and educational benefit to the area around the Marie Wilkinson Community Gardens.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends entering into the Donation Agreement

cc: Information & Technology



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. _____
DATE OF PASSAGE _____

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WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Playful Learning is a project that transforms everyday public spaces where families work, play, and live into opportunities to learn.

WHEREAS, Playful Learning project has specifically designed an educational monument for the perimeter of the Marie Wilkinson community gardens.

WHEREAS, the donation of the Playful Learning project educational monument will add both a colorful aesthetic and educational benefit to the area around the Marie Wilkinson Community Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows: authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Donation Agreement with Metropolitan Family Services for the installation of an educational monument around the perimeter of the Marie Wilkinson Community Gardens.