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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization to enter into a Management Agreement between the DPRC and Journey House, Inc., to support the upgrade of the baseball fields and facilities at Baran Park for a 30-year term, with one 15-year renewal option, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) owns and operates Baran Park located at 2474 South Chase Avenue in the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, Baran Park currently contains five baseball fields, a playground, a concession stand, a parking lot, and other associated infrastructure amenities; and

WHEREAS, Journey House, Inc., (Journey House) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower families on Milwaukee's near Southside to move out of poverty by offering adult education, youth development, family engagement, and workforce readiness programs; and

WHEREAS, the Felix Mantilla Little League is a youth athletic program that is operated by Journey House; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, the County and Journey House have successfully partnered for the management of the Packers football field located in Mitchell Park to address the maintenance, improvement, and public accessibility of the football field; and

WHEREAS, the County and Journey House desire to expand their partnership beyond Mitchell Park to Baran Park, with similar terms and conditions that exist in the Management Agreement (Agreement) at Mitchell Park; and

WHEREAS, under the Agreement for Baran Park, the goal is to support the upgrade of the baseball fields and facilities, in addition to a workforce development job training program; and

WHEREAS, current outstanding capital replacement liabilities at Baran Park to the County are estimated at \$144,000, with the annual operation of Baran Park resulting in a net loss of \$32,000, both of which would be avoided by the County through this Agreement, and would result in these funds being reallocated to other initiatives within the County park system; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will extend the non-exclusive right to use the park to Journey House, ensuring that the park remains open and available to all members of the public, similar to its current availability; and

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WHEREAS, the appropriate County staff will review and approve all documents as required prior to the execution of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its special meeting of December 14, 2017, recommended adoption of File No.17-780 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Corporation Counsel, and any other Department that may be necessary to execute and record all documents and perform all actions as required to effectuate the Management Agreement with Journey House, Inc., for the use of Baran Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to approval and execution of the Management Agreement with Journey House, the Office of Corporation Counsel, the DPRC, and the Office of the Comptroller will ensure that the agreement includes the following:

1. A requirement that the County Board’s Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment receive an agenda report prior to Journey House exercising the option to extend the agreement for the additional 15 year period, and is provided a bi-annual report regarding Journey House’s good faith compliance with the terms of the Management Agreement
2. A clause that ensures price increases for the baseball fields never increase more than ten percent from what Milwaukee County charges for a similar type of field reservation
3. That the term “non-seasonal” on page 2, line 48, of the Management Agreement is changed to “not season long”

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute any required documents regarding the execution of this resolution.

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