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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a donation of artistic improvement agreement with the Village of Shorewood relative to enhancements of the Oak Leaf Trail Bridge, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood (the Village) has a planned public art program for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Public Art Committee has several art pieces in place to date, both outside and within public buildings and is embarking on a new project for 2016; and

WHEREAS, the project will focus on nighttime lighting and is proposed to be located on the Oak Leaf Trail Bridge located on Capitol Drive; and

WHEREAS, the bridge, an architectural landmark in the community, was constructed in partnership with the State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County (the County), and the Village; and

WHEREAS, because of the extensive landscaping and lighting design that was installed as part of the construction in 2011, the Village is responsible for all annual maintenance of the bridge soft-scape, including lighting; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this new public art project will enhance the bridge’s architecture, both by creative lighting and historical recognition of the original railroad that traveled on it; and

WHEREAS, the Village Public Art Committee believes that the new addition to the bridge via public art will strengthen the economic vitality of Shorewood, the Riverworks, and River West areas of Milwaukee, while enhancing the experience of the walkers and bikers who utilize the newly expanded Oak Leaf Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Village has worked with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the County, and the City of Milwaukee to assure completion of this project with safety as a priority; and

WHEREAS, monies for the capital investment of the improvements will be raised through private funds; and

WHEREAS, as with the current bridge’s lighting and landscaping, the Village will take full responsibility for required maintenance required of this project; and

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
48 January 26, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 6-0); now,
49 therefore,

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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
52 authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to accept the
53 donation of artistic improvement agreement to the bridge located at the Oak Leaf Trail
54 in the Village of Shorewood.

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