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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, and Department of Administrative Services - Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services staff, seeking authorization of payment to Graef-USA for professional services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the inspection and stabilization of the pre-cast concrete structure in the Tropical Dome, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen spalling of concrete in the Tropical Dome (Dome) that occurred in late August 2013, the Dome is closed until engineers and contractors can fully inspect, secure, and repair the reinforced concrete frame; and

WHEREAS, while the frame is not in danger of collapse, there are edge pieces that are popping off next to the steel plates that secure the glazing system for the Dome and these pieces are sharp and can fall from as high as 80 feet, creating a hazard; and

WHEREAS, high trees and dense plant life make it difficult to get equipment into the Dome and placed appropriately; and

WHEREAS, after a lengthy search, a lift was located in Chicago and in preparation, trees have been pruned and the ground stabilized in areas to secure the outriggers; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the inspection and repairs needed within the Dome, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC) and the Department of Administrative Services - Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services (DAS-AE&ES) have engaged Graef-USA and Nagy Restoration to complete the needed work; and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is anticipated that both firms will remain within the quoted amounts; however, if any unforeseen conditions were to arise, the DPRC and DAS-AE&ES staff are requesting the authority to increase the Graef-USA professional services contract to up to \$200,000 for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment, at its meeting of December 10, 2013, recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit, at its meeting of December 12, 2013, also recommended adoption of the Department’s request (vote 9-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and Department of Administrative Services - Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services staff to

45 approve payment to Graef-USA for professional services not-to-exceed \$200,000 for the  
46 inspection and stabilization of the pre-cast concrete structure in the Tropical Dome.

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