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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Milwaukee for the construction of storm water facilities and park improvements at Copernicus Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Copernicus Park is a 20.4 acre park, surrounded by a residential neighborhood, located at 2150 West Klein Avenue in the City of Milwaukee (City); and

WHEREAS, since 2000, City residents within the Copernicus Park area have experienced backwater and surface flooding problems, causing area residents great hardship during any rainfall event that exceeds the five-year storm level, with these flooding events regularly causing damage to the properties on South 20th Street near the intersection with West Klein Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in May 2000, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted the General Policy on Use of Park Land in Cooperation with Other Governmental Units (File No. 00-191) establishing guidelines for the use of parkland in cooperation with other governmental units for extended terms; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City approached the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture with a proposal to partner in the creation of a masterplan that would consider park improvements as well as relief from residential flooding and storm water issues; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted the Copernicus Park Master Plan (File No. 15-345), which includes a storm water detention facility to manage the flooding in the area; and

WHEREAS, this project generally includes construction of the detention facilities, and several park improvements in the vicinity of the detention facility; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of January 24, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 16-702 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Milwaukee for the construction of storm water facilities and park improvements at Copernicus Park.

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