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JOHN DARGLE, JR., DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

DATE: October 17, 2016

TO: Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture ("DPRC")

SUBJECT: REVISED REPORT – Delineation of Lot Lines at the Lakefront; Land Transfer between Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee (ACTION)

POLICY

DPRC requests approval of a Certified Survey Map ("CSM") that will create four (4) distinct lots at the lakefront in the area of Lincoln Memorial Drive and East Michigan Street. DPRC also requests approval of a land transfer between the County and the City to accommodate future roadway improvements and reconfiguration related to the Milwaukee Lakefront Gateway Project.

BACKGROUND

On May 17, 2016, DPRC presented an informational report to the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee related to the Milwaukee Lakefront Gateway Project and DPRC's intention to exchange land with the City of Milwaukee to accommodate that project. See File No. 16-302.

As part of that transfer and to clearly define who owns what property along the lakefront at the intersection of Lincoln Memorial Drive and East Michigan Street, Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee are collaborating in the preparation of a CSM. The CSM will create four (4) separate lots and contain legal descriptions for those lots. The four (4) lots are as follows:

1. Downtown Transit Center
2. O'Donnell Park
3. County-owned Parcel (enlarged by the land transfer between the County and the City)
4. City-owned Parcel (reduced by the land transfer between the County and the City)

See Exhibit A attached hereto.

In addition, the CSM will create a dedicated Right-of-Way ("ROW") at the intersection of Lincoln Memorial Drive and East Michigan Street. *Id.* The newly dedicated ROW will be controlled and maintained by the City of Milwaukee. The CSM has no impact on property ownership and is being created for the purpose of cleaning up the property lines along the lakefront. Moreover, the CSM will be created consistent with Exhibit A and approved by the Milwaukee County Division of Architecture and Engineering, Corporation Counsel, the Register of Deeds, and the City of Milwaukee.

As noted above, the County-owned parcel noted on Exhibit A has been enlarged by the City transferring a portion of its adjacent property to the County. See Exhibit A. Because a CSM does not affect property ownership, DPRC is requesting approval to accept the transfer of the City's property. The City is transferring its property to the County so that the entire Calatrava addition to the Art Museum and Art Museum Drive will be located on County-owned property. Because the Art Museum is required to maintain the property, Milwaukee County will assume no additional maintenance obligations by the transfer.

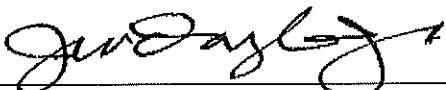
In return for accepting the City-owned property, DPRC is requesting approval to transfer to the City County-owned land that includes North Harbor Drive and East Clybourn Street. The City currently maintains and operates North Harbor Drive and is reconstructing East Clybourn Street. The transfer will accommodate the City in making future roadway improvements because the City will own the drive and the street. This transfer will help advance the Milwaukee Lakefront Gateway Project, the purpose of which is to improve public spaces at the downtown lakefront, and improve connections between the lakefront, downtown Milwaukee, and the Historic Third Ward.

RECOMMENDATION

DPRC recommends approval of a CSM consistent with Exhibit A, as prepared by and approved by County staff and City staff, and approval of the land transfer between the County and the City to accommodate the Milwaukee Lakefront Gateway Project.

Prepared by: Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, DPRC

Approved by:



John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director

Attachments:

- Exhibit A
- Resolution
- Fiscal Note

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