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**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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Requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture enter into a  
Memorandum of Understanding with South 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District for the  
construction and maintenance of a new garden at Wilson Park

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WHEREAS, Wilson Park is in the City of Milwaukee, bordered by West Howard  
Avenue to the North and South 20<sup>th</sup> and South 13<sup>th</sup> Streets on the west and east,  
respectively, and is approximately 76.7 acres; and

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WHEREAS, the South 27<sup>th</sup> ("S 27<sup>th</sup>") Street Business District, also known as  
Historic Highway 41, is a non-profit organization representing three Milwaukee County  
Business Improvement Districts: Milwaukee #43, Greenfield #1, and Greenfield #2; and

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WHEREAS, the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District has prepared a concept and  
design with Community Design Solutions for a new garden at the northwestern corner of  
Wilson Park to be known as Highway 41 Historic Gardens, which is currently open  
green space; and

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WHEREAS, the Highway 41 Historic Gardens will be located at the northwest  
corner of Wilson Park, nearest to South 27<sup>th</sup> Street by 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets and West  
Howard Avenue; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed design commemorates the historic Highway 41 area  
growth and development in the 1950s and classic car shows held in the area; and

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WHEREAS, local artists will be commissioned to design and paint classic cars in  
the garden; and

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WHEREAS, Highway 41 was constructed in 1926 to connect Chicago and  
Milwaukee, until the construction of Interstate 94 in the 1960s; and

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WHEREAS, the installation would also include perennial and wildflower gardens,  
new trees, picnic tables and benches; and

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39 WHEREAS, new pathways will be created that allow guests to travel throughout  
40 the garden and will connect to businesses on West Howard Avenue and South 27<sup>th</sup>  
41 Street; and

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43 WHEREAS, the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District will be entirely responsible for  
44 construction and routine and major maintenance of the installation throughout the  
45 lifetime of the space, including any costs associated with its removal; and

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47 WHEREAS, previously, the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District applied for approval of  
48 the project through the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) Parks  
49 Improvement Program process, but was rejected due to lack of DPRC staff available to  
50 manage oversight of the project and concerns over the garden's maintenance costs;  
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53 WHEREAS, the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District pledged to be responsible for  
54 providing the staff necessary to operate and maintain the garden; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors supports initiatives that  
57 attract support to the Milwaukee County Parks System and local business and honors  
58 Milwaukee's historic past; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of  
61 January 26, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-119 as amended (vote 5-0);  
62 now, therefore,

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64 **BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby**  
65 **requests that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture shall work in**  
66 **conjunction with the Office of Corporation Counsel to determine the appropriate**  
67 **agreement (Lease, Memorandum of Understanding, and/or Maintenance**  
68 **Agreement) with the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District for construction, operation, ad**  
69 **maintenance of a garden at Wilson Park; and**

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71 ~~**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby**~~  
72 ~~**requests that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture work with the S**~~  
73 ~~**27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the**~~  
74 ~~**construction, operation, and maintenance of a garden at Wilson Park; and**~~

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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ~~Memorandum of Understanding~~  
77 **agreement** shall include that the S 27<sup>th</sup> Street Business District will be entirely  
78 responsible for the cost and staffing necessary to construct and maintain the garden  
79 throughout its lifetime, including any costs associated with its removal; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and  
82 Culture shall provide ~~an informational report~~ **the proposed agreement for approval**  
83 **or a status update on the negotiations towards a completed agreement** to the  
84 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors ~~with the completed Memorandum of~~  
85 **Understanding for the March 2021 meeting cycle.**

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