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A RESOLUTION

**Authorizing City Sponsorship and Filing of an
Application By Custer Street Fair, Inc. to the
Operation GreenLight Transit Program,
For Funding the Rehabilitation of the Main Street Metra Station
And Streetscape at 600 Main Street**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois General Assembly authorized the Illinois Department of Transportation to establish the Operation GreenLight Transit Program in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Operation GreenLight Transit Program seeks to achieve the following objectives: 1) enhance or expand transit operations; 2) improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle access at transit facilities; or 3) reduce pedestrian, bus rail and auto conflicts within transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation manages the Operation GreenLight Transit Program in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Custer Street Fair, Inc. is a not-for-profit community-based corporation which desires to undertake the rehabilitation and restoration of the Main Street Metra Station ("The Station") at 600 Main Street) and the streetscape (collectively "The Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Train Station is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad and operated by Metra; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. has a twenty-year lease from Union Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. has obtained the consent of Union Pacific Railroad and Metra for The Project; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. will manage the parking and passenger services and establish the Train Station as a Cultural Center during non-commuter hours; and

WHEREAS, among the streetscape renovations and repaving of the last brick street in Evanston, installation of new street lights and fencing, and repair of the stairs leading from the brick street to the Train Station; and

WHEREAS, the subject brick street runs in a northerly direction between Washington Street on the south, Main Street to the north, Custer Avenue on the west, and Chicago Avenue on the east, as more particularly shown on the diagram in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, among the restoration and rehabilitation work to be performed on the Train Station are installation of new lighting, an interior staircase, lavatories which meet Americans With Disabilities Act Standards, and an increase in square footage of about sixty percent; and

WHEREAS, the Custer Street Fair, Inc. will reimburse the City for any expenditure it may become liable for as sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Operation GreenLight Transit Program monies are available to fund The Project; and

WHEREAS, the street restoration and rehabilitation project is estimated to be \$223,893.00 and eligible for 100% reimbursement, and the building

restoration project is estimated to be \$404,253.00 and eligible for 100% reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Operation GreenLight Transit Program requires private sector applicants, such as Custer Street Fair, Inc., to be sponsored by a government agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is an agency of local government which has agreed to sponsor the Operation GreenLight Transit Program application of Custer Street Fair, Inc. for The Project; and

WHEREAS, among the divers responsibilities of a sponsor are to complete the application form, give appropriate public notice about The Project, provide to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency the description of The Project, the name of managing, funding, or licensing agency (state or federal), name the satellite agencies involved in The Project, provide a map (USGS 7.5 minute series topographic) of The Project location, and The Project site plan, if applicable, current photos of all standing structures within the project area, The Project plans and specifications if applicable, participating federal, state, and local funding sources/programs, opinion of Counsel, and applicant's Governing board resolution; and

WHEREAS, Custer Street Fair, Inc. and the City hereby agree that they will enter in an Agreement whereby Custer Street Fair, Inc. will assume all responsibilities of the sponsor arising out of or connected with The Project and will provide the City with all insurance deemed appropriate and applicable by the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

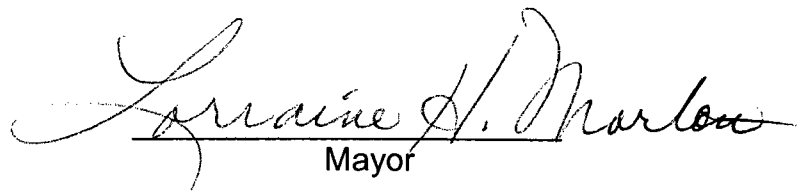
Section 1: The City of Evanston hereby agrees to sponsor and file the application of the Custer Street Fair, Inc. to seek Operation GreenLight Transit Program funding for the rehabilitation and renovation of the Main Street Metra Station and of the streetscape at 600 Main Street.

Section 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign, and the City Clerk to attest, all documents required by, or necessary to, such sponsorship filing.

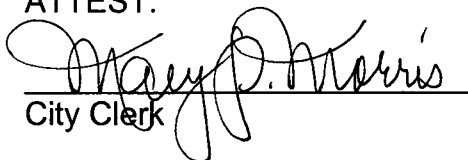
Section 3: The City Manager is hereby further authorized to execute an Agreement with Custer Street Fair, Inc., consistent with this Resolution 15-R-00, providing for Custer Street Fair, Inc. to perform all responsibilities imposed on the City arising out of or connected with its sponsorship of The Project and filing of the application. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate any additional terms and conditions deemed in the best interest of the City.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner required by law.

Adopted: March 13, 2000


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk