

43-R-18

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Meet with the Evanston Lighthouse Dunes Organization to Negotiate an Agreement on the Costs Associated with the Restoration of the Dunes and Gardens and Demolition of the Harley Clarke Mansion and Coach House

WHEREAS, the City owns certain real property located at 2603 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois that is improved with a three-story single-family residential structure and a single-story coach house, commonly referred to as the “Harley Clarke Mansion” (the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the City purchased the property in 1965 in order to expand lakefront public parkland for the benefit of the residents of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, over the past 6 years, the City of Evanston considered many options for adaptive reuse of the Subject Property from various groups with different proposals found to be not in the best interests of the City of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, during the May 29, 2018 City Council meeting, an organization, Evanston Lighthouse Dunes, proposed to donate all of the funds necessary to restore the Subject Property to its natural state, demolish the Subject Property, grade and seed the land and restore it to open space allowing for expansion of the park; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is 37,700 square feet in size and zoned open space (OS) under Title 6 of the City Code, with a park directly to the north and the lighthouse to the south; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the best interests of the City of Evanston would be served by authorizing the City Manager to meet and negotiate a funding agreement with the Evanston Lighthouse Dunes, affirming its support for the project,

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

SECTION 1: The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to meet and negotiate with the Evanston Lighthouse Dunes to develop an agreement that will result in the City's acceptance of the organization's financial support leading to the immediate restoration of the dunes to their natural state, to the removal of the house and coach house and the restoring of key elements of Jens Jensen's historic 1920's garden and integrating them into the natural landscape while clearing and expanding the parkland and beach for the enjoyment of all.

SECTION 2: This Resolution 43-R-18 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest:



Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: June 18, 2018



Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor



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