

Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Resolution No.:

Adopted on:

April 16, 2015

Project Area:

Milwaukee Road Shops/Blight Elimination-Airline Yards

Aldermanic District:

8th

Resolution approving Three Bridges Park Programming Agreement, regarding the Three Bridges Park, in the Menomonee Valley, in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Whereas, In 2003, the Redevelopment Authority acquired approximately 130 acres of property along both banks of the Menomonee River from CMC Heartland Partners for development of the Menomonee Valley Industrial Center at part of the Milwaukee Road Shops Redevelopment Project and adjacent blight elimination effort and as envisioned in the Menomonee Valley Area Plan; and

Whereas, The Menomonee Valley Area Plan recommended that the land generally south of the Menomonee River that was formerly the “Airline Yards” for the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad, and is now part of the Authority’s property identified as 400 S. Layton Boulevard, was most suitable for public open space; and

Whereas, In a public/private collaboration involving the Redevelopment Authority, the City, the State of Wisconsin DOT and DNR, Milwaukee County, Menomonee Valley Partners, the Urban Ecology Center, the Soo Line Railroad Company (dba Canadian Pacific), and Rexnord, and under a February 8, 2012 Airline Yards Master Agreement entered into among the City, the Redevelopment Authority (Council Resolution No. 111127 and Redevelopment Authority Resolution No. 10330), the DNR, and DOT, the Redevelopment Authority-owned land, was transformed into what is now known as Three Bridges Park; and

Whereas, The Park, which opened on Saturday, July 20, 2013, is bounded by the Menomonee River and the Soo Line railroad tracks accessible to pedestrians, joggers and bicyclists over 3 bike/pedestrian bridges; one over the Menomonee River at South 33rd Court, one at West Canal Street and South 37th Street near the Urban Ecology Center’s Pierce Street location, and one over the Soo Line tracks connecting to Mitchel Park; with the bridges connecting neighborhoods; and

Whereas, The park allowed extension of the Hank Aaron State Bike Trail, and created a new habitat for birds, fish and other wildlife; and

Whereas, Paragraph 15 of the Airline Yards Master Agreement contemplates a separate agreement to address programming and land stewardship activities at the Park; and

Whereas, In accordance with that paragraph 15, the Three Bridges Park Programming Agreement that is part of this file was negotiated, and provides for establishment of a Park Advisory Representatives Committee with an Urban Ecology Center representative, a Menomonee Valley Partners representative, a City representative, a Redevelopment Authority representative, and a DNR representative, to address, among other things, activities, programming, and stewardship of the Park, which committee will prepare for and present to each party to the Programming

Agreement, including Redevelopment Authority and the City, an Annual Report regarding the Park, with the Committee being subject to open meetings and open records requirements; and

Whereas, Also as contemplated by the Airline Yards Master Agreement, the Programming Agreement also addresses (i) use and application of a \$1.5 million endowment fund created by a capital campaign by UEC/MVP Project, Inc. for land stewardship purposes; (ii) community gardens to be established at the Park by the Urban Ecology Center; and (iii) donor walls and plaques and identity signs to be installed at the Park; and

Whereas, the Redevelopment Authority by its Board approved Redevelopment Authority entry into the Programming Agreement by Redevelopment Authority Resolution adopted on April 16, 2015; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the “Three Bridges Park Programming Agreement” that is part of this file is approved, and the appropriate City officers are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City in that form or in materially and substantially the same form and substance, and to take actions required and contemplated thereunder to effectuate the intent of the Agreement and this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the forgoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, WI on the date set forth above.

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David P. Misky
Assistant Executive Director – Secretary
