



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Edward L. Roberge, PE, City Engineer

DATE: June 19, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$8,513.53) in private donations from a South Main Street property owner for structural modifications to a sidewalk section on South Main Street in conjunction with the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460).

Recommendation

Accept this report and set the attached appropriation resolution for a public hearing on August 14, 2017.

Background

At its July 30, 2014 meeting, City Council approved the final project scope of work, budget, and schedule for the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project. During the design of the project, continued investment in the downtown by supporting the introduction of public art became a recurring theme. While the City Council did not include public art in the final project scope of work per se, Council did encourage the City Manager to include space for potential public art in the project and coordinate with any private property owners interested in supporting public art in the project.

Discussion

During construction of the South Main Street phase of the project, Foxfire Management, Inc. approached the City with an alternative to modify the structural base of the new sidewalk section and existing sidewalk snowmelt system adjacent to the Smile Building to accommodate an opportunity for a public art structure in the future. City Administration evaluated the proposal and determined that the overall project design intent would not be impacted and that the request was reasonable. Where the request required structural sidewalk base and existing sidewalk snowmelt system modifications, those costs would need to be borne by the property owner. The final project modification costs total \$8,513.53 which has been paid in full by the property owner.

With respect to a future public art application, City Administration advised the property owner that any future request to consider the installation of a permanent public art feature on the South Main Street sidewalk would require a review and license approval process by City Council.

Therefore, it is recommended that City Council accept this report and set the attached resolution accepting and appropriating the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$8,513.53) in private donations from a South Main Street property owner for structural modifications to a sidewalk section on South Main Street in conjunction with the Downtown Complete Streets Improvement Project (CIP #460).

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cc: Denise Nobert, Fiscal Supervisor