

51-R-18

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Funding Agreement with the citizens' group known as the Evanston Lighthouse Dunes to pay for Costs Associated with Demolition of the Harley Clarke Mansion and Coach House, Grading the Property and Site Restoration

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 June 18, 2018 City Council meeting, the City Council passed Resolution 43-R-18 which authorized the City Manager to negotiate a funding agreement with a citizens' group, Evanston Lighthouse Dunes, that offered to donate all of the funds necessary to restore the Subject Property to its natural state, including funding the cost to demolish the Subject Property, removal of trees, grade and seed the land and site restoration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the best interests of the City of Evanston would be served by executing the attached funding agreement with Evanston Lighthouse Dunes group; and

WHEREAS, following execution of the funding agreement, the Council also directs the City Manager or his designee to file an application for a certificate of appropriateness with the Preservation Commission and following the process outlined in Title 2, Chapter 8 of the City Code of 2012, as amended, to apply for approval to demolish the mansion and coach house,

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 execute the agreement with Evanston Lighthouse Dunes which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: The City Manager or his designee are hereby authorized to file the necessary paperwork and process to request a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Preservation Commission and follow all necessary steps and take appropriate actions in conformance with Title 2, Chapter 8 of the City Code of 2012 to seek approval to demolish the Harley Clarke Mansion and the coach house.

SECTION 3: This Resolution 51-R-18 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Attest:

Stephen H. Hagerty, Mayor

Devon Reid, City Clerk

Michelle L. Masoncup,
Corporation Counsel

Adopted: _____, 2018

EXHIBIT 1
FUNDING AGREEMENT