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AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Presentation of a Resolution Accepting a Gift of the “If I Could But Fly” Sculpture from the River Corridor Foundation

Presenter: Mark Koenen

Please check appropriate box:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government Operations (9/8/15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning & Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council
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Estimated Cost:		Budgeted:	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

Executive Summary:

The St. Charles River Corridor Foundation is donating the sculpture “If I Could But Fly” to the City of St. Charles. This sculpture was purchased in cooperation with the St. Charles Public Art Committee in honor of Bob Leonard for his commitment and passion towards the river. This sculpture was installed by the City along the Bob Leonard Walkway and is a nice addition to the Bob Leonard Walkway and river.

Staff recommends accepting the sculpture donation as its property.

Attachments: *(please list)*

Resolution, Donation Letter, Agenda and Minutes of the River Corridor Foundation – 12/17/14

Recommendation / Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Presentation of a Resolution Accepting a Gift of the “If I Could But Fly” Sculpture from the River Corridor Foundation

For office use only: Agenda Item Number: 4a

City of St. Charles, Illinois
Resolution No. _____

**A Resolution Accepting a Gift of the “If I Could But Fly”
Sculpture from the River Corridor Foundation**

**Presented & Passed by the
City Council on _____**

WHEREAS, The City of St. Charles is a Home Rule Unit as provided in the 1970 Illinois Constitution, Article VII, Section 6(a) and this Resolution is an exercise of its powers and performance of the functions pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, The River Corridor Foundation has made a gift of the “If I Could But Fly” sculpture to the City of St. Charles;

WHEREAS, The City of St. Charles wishes to accept the “If I Could But Fly” sculpture as its property;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois that said Council hereby accept a gift of the “If I could But Fly” sculpture.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this ____ day of _____ 2015.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this _____ day of _____ 2015.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Mayor Raymond P. Rogina Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Resolution No. _____

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COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:



City of St. Charles
Attn: Mark Koenen
2 East Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174

Mark,

On behalf of the St. Charles River Corridor Foundation, we are happy to donate the sculpture *If I Could, But Fly* to the city of St. Charles. This sculpture was purchased in cooperation with the St. Charles Public Art committee in honor of Bob Leonard and his commitment and passion towards the river. This year the sculpture was beautifully installed by the city along the Bob Leonard Walkway.

We would like to thank the city for their help with this installation and believe this to be a wonderful addition to the Bob Leonard walkway and riverfront.

Sincerely,

Holly Cabel, president

St. Charles River Corridor Foundation

Agenda

River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

7:30 a.m. at City Municipal Building – Council Committee Room

Mission: *The River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles supports and advocates for projects that will enhance the downtown riverfront environment as a destination for cultural, educational, recreational, and economic opportunities that are accessible to all.*

Minute taker – John Rabchuk

Call to order

Introductions

Approve minutes

Financial Report

- Presentation and approval of Financial Statements
- Approval of expenditures

Collaborating Partners

- City of St. Charles- Chris
 - Introduction of new staff
- St. Charles Park District – Holly
- Downtown St. Charles Partnership
- Pottawatomie Garden Club – Mary
- Kane County – Phil Lewis

Volunteer Plaza Concept Committee - Larry

Master Plan Update – John

- Update on Active River Task Force
 - SOQ selection process

Grants and Other Funding/Fundraising Initiatives

- Walkway brick sales – Jim
- River Walk Committee update - Julie
- Music event – Richard
 - Recap of 2014 event, comments & feedback

Communications

- Website – Julie
- Facebook – Jennifer/Julie
- Press releases – Joe
- Document management – Julie

New Business

- Reflections Sculpture – Al will provide an update regarding the sculpture and fundraising efforts
- Donation of the If I Could But Fly sculpture to the City of St. Charles

Focus Topic

No Focus topic this meeting

Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 21, 2015, 7:30 am at Municipal Building

Julie Hartig reported that the RCF website has been very active, with up to 15,000 hits per month. She indicated that the largest area of interest was Sculpture in the Park and the If I Could But Fly sculpture.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM

Respectfully submitted by John Rabchuk

River Corridor Foundation of St. Charles

Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2014
City Municipal Building

Members Present: John Rabchuk, Holly Cabel, Julie Hartig, Richard Southorn, Larry Maholland, Jim Enck, Al Patten, Dan Lasse, Ed Werneke, Rick Brems, Joe Boyd, Jennifer Biddle

Honorary Members/Guests present: Doug Breunlin, Chris Adesso, Karen Young, Rick Haick, Phil Lewis, Mary Smoot

Meeting called to order by Holly Cabel at 7:32 AM.

Motion to approve minutes of November 19th meeting made by Julie Hartig and seconded by Larry Maholland. Motion passed.

John Rabchuk presented the financial reports which indicated a current bank balance of \$41,035.99. Of this balance, \$20,000.00 has been pledged to support the Active River Task Force. Richard Southorn indicated that RCF should receive approximately \$10,000 from the music event held this past fall. Rotary (who partners with RCF on this event) has indicated that it would like to close the books by the end of this year (2014). Holly requested a motion that reflected the RCF Board donation of the If I Could But Fly statue to the City of St. Charles. Larry Maholland made this motion, seconded by Rick Brems, and it was passed unanimously by the RCF Board. Holly will write a letter to Mark Koenen, City Administrator memorializing this donation.

Chris Adesso, Deputy Director of Public Works, introduced Karen Young as the new Assistant Director of Public Works, Engineering. Karen had been employed by the City of Geneva, and Larry Maholland noted that Karen was highly regarded in her position there. Chris also reported that the native plantings along the Bob Leonard Walk are doing well, and that he anticipated removing the protective fencing during the next growing season. He also suggested that the Pottawatomie Garden Club may want to harvest some of the seeds next year. The Illinois Street Bridge is scheduled for evaluation in 2015. As the report concerning the pedestrian bridge (Piano Bridge) has now been submitted and confirms the structural deficiency of that structure, the City must now consider repair/replace alternatives for the pedestrian bridge and there has been some thought of considering a structure that might replace both the Illinois Street and pedestrian bridges or to combine their functionality. It may also be that the Active River Project may result in suggestions for new structures there as well. Chris said that very expensive "temporary" repairs to the pedestrian bridge would only extend its life by 5-7 years, so this was not an attractive alternative.

Holly Cabel reported for the Park District. Permitting is now in process for construction at Ferson Creek. This will include a new dock for the rowing clubs, a rowing skull shelter and shoreline stabilization. This project is anticipated to be complete in 2016. The Park District is also investigating the potential of an ice skating rink in Lincoln Park.