

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, Inc. of labor and materials for the construction of a park at 16 Franklin Street in the City of Lowell.

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, Inc. donated both the labor and materials for the improvement to 16 Franklin Street; and

The City of Lowell desires to accept the gift of labor and materials for the construction of said park at 16 Franklin Street in the City of Lowell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept a gift from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Lowell, Inc., of labor and materials for the construction of a park at 16 Franklin Street in the City of Lowell, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A 1/2.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager will convey the City's appreciation for the gift.



Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

October 18, 2018

Mayor William J. Samaras  
and  
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - PARK CONSTRUCTION AT 16 FRANKLIN STREET

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

In furtherance of the development goals of the Acre Revitalization and Development Plan, the City has been working with Habitat for Humanity (“Habitat”), following their receipt of funding from the Cummings Foundation for development of both a park and residential housing. Habitat was selected as the winning bid for a residential development at 163-173 Adams Street, which is currently under construction. In response to the City’s RFP, Habitat committed to donate the necessary labor and materials to construct a park at 16 Franklin Street. The Acre Plan called for this area to be a park, so the proposal was in line with the purposes of the Plan. Habitat has had positive discussions with neighborhood constituents such as the YWCA, ACTION neighborhood group and DPW about a park at this location.

This Vote will allow the City to accept as a gift the labor and materials Habitat has put together to build out the park, which includes a play area for children and raised planting beds. The Vote demonstrates the commitment DPD and Habitat have to work together to meet our mutual goals of housing production and completion of the Acre Urban Revitalization and Development Plan.

The Law Department has prepared the necessary Vote allowing the City to accept as a gift the labor and materials Habitat provided to construct the park. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at 978-674-1401.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

EMD/ns  
Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
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Claire V. Ricker, Chief Design Planner  
Joseph Giniewicz, Urban Renewal Project Manager