

RESOLUTION NO. 0001-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, ACCEPTING HARRIET TUBMAN SCULPTURE BENCH

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board") of the City of South Bend, Indiana (the "City"), pursuant to Indiana Code §36-10-4-9, has exclusive control of all property within the City used for park purposes; and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, born Araminta Ross, was an American hero who was personally responsible for ushering African American slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad just before the American Civil War. Her lifelong charity and generosity extend far beyond her life. Her story of resilience and survival resonates to this day throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Underground Railroad had three main routes within Indiana, one of them being from Posey to South Bend. South Bend served as the last stop in Indiana for liberated African American slaves prior to settling or venturing further north; and

WHEREAS, a group of committed South Bend residents led by Bob and Pat Kil and Alfred Guillaume and Melanie Smith-Guillaume, with the support of community advocate Gladys Muhammad, initiated a private fundraising campaign to purchase a bronze sculpture of Harriet Tubman on a bench; and

WHEREAS, the group desires to donate the Harriet Tubman 49" second edition bronze statue, by Gary Lee Price, to the City of South Bend to be permanently displayed within Howard Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Venues, Parks & Arts Department of the City will install the sculpture bench at the location within Howard Park requested by the group, following the instructions provided by the artist.
2. The Venues, Parks & Arts Department staff agree to follow the care and maintenance instructions for the statute provided by the artist.
3. The Venues, Parks & Arts Department takes responsibility for securing insurance coverage for the sculpture.
4. Should the sculpture fall into disrepair, or a decision made to dispose of the sculpture, the City agrees to first offer the sculpture to the Indiana University South Bend Civil Rights Heritage Center or its successor.
5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the Board.


(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners on May 16, 2022, Ribbon Room, Howard Park Event Center, 219 S. St. Louis Blvd., South Bend, Indiana 46617.

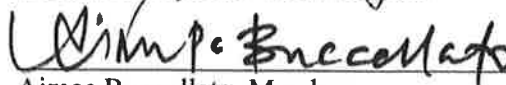
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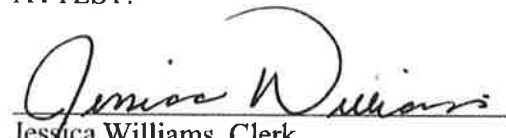


Aimee Buccellato, Member



Dan Farrell, Member

ATTEST:



Jessica Williams, Clerk