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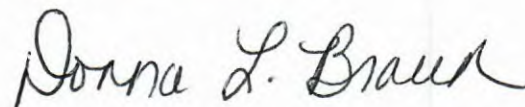
COMMON COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

March 7, 2024

The following meeting has been scheduled for TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024:

6:30 PM Dave Conti	Re: Funding Application for Botanical Gardens
6:45 PM Common Council	Re: General Discussion
7:00 PM Executive Session	Re: Personnel/ Union Contracts

Respectfully submitted,



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February 26th, 2024

North Tonawanda Common Council
216 Payne Avenue
North Tonawanda, NY 14120



Dear Honorable Body,

The City of North Tonawanda Community Development Department and Parks and Recreation Department is assisting the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens Organization (NTBGO) with the preparation of a funding application to the Niagara River Greenway Commission Parks, Recreation and Tourism Ad Hoc Committee.

The NTBGO is seeking \$98,000 from the Niagara River Greenway Commission Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee to complete Phase 1 of the Green Infrastructure project at 1825 Sweeney Street in the City of North Tonawanda. Phase 1 includes the entranceway construction and professional engineering services for all phases of the project.

Upon completion of this project, it will assist in the implementation of the NTBGO Master Plan by redesigning the gateway for entering and exiting the park, with a monument wayfinding sign to identify public access to the waterfront. This will provide a critical connection to the extension of the Erie Canalway Bicycle Path project, which intersects with the parking lot entrance on Sweeney Street.

This project meets the goals of the Niagara River Greenway Plan, as well as the City's revitalization goals for the waterfront as it will increase public access, increase connectivity, boost visitation, and maintain the ecological integrity of our waterfront. Additionally, this project will leverage past NTBGO efforts including the living shoreline project and the recently rebuilt boat launch project.

I am kindly requesting that the North Tonawanda Common Council authorize the North Tonawanda Botanical Gardens Organization to submit a funding request to the Niagara River Greenway Commission Parks, Recreation and Tourism Ad Hoc Committee and provide a certified municipal resolution to include with our application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 716-949-1295

Sincerely,

David Conti

President

Where as, the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee is accepting funding applications for their open round of 2024 funding, with the purpose of providing organizations with financial assistance for waterfront revitalization projects; and

Where as, the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization is seeking to apply for a \$98,000 Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee grant to acquire funding for Phase 1 of the Green Infrastructure Project at the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden. Phase 1 includes the entrance construction and professional engineering services.

Where as, the funding application meets the goals of the City's waterfront revitalization plans as well as the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization Master Plan; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the North Tonawanda Common Council fully supports the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization in putting forth a \$98,000 funding application to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee and that the project is consistent with the City's waterfront revitalization plans, that the proposed funding request is appropriate for the project, and that the project facilitates both effective and efficient use of public resources to promote waterfront accessibility and the preservation of community resources.

Be it further resolved, that the North Tonawanda Common Council hereby authorizes the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization to sign and submit a grant application request in an amount of \$98,000 to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Ad Hoc Committee.

In the event that North Tonawanda Botanical Garden Organization, Inc ceases to complete engineering, construction and maintenance of Phase 1 of the Green Infrastructure Project at the North Tonawanda Botanical Garden located at 1825 Sweeney Street, North Tonawanda, New York, at the Botanical Garden, the City of North Tonawanda will take over the completion of engineering, construction and maintenance of said entrance project.