



AGENDA
Committee on Ways and Means
Tenth Floor Conference Room – City Hall
Tuesday April 19, 2011
4:00 p.m.

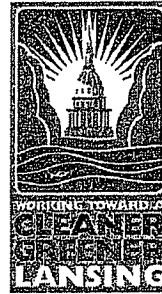
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Chair
Councilmember Tina Houghton, Vice Chair
Councilmember Eric Hewitt, Member

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
 - 04/05/2011
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. Discussion/Action**
 1. Grant Acceptance Resolution - (NRPA) National Recreation and Park Association
"Grow Your Park" \$10,000.00 grant-Park and Recreation Community Garden Programs
- VI. Other**
 1. Consideration of Pending Items
- VII. Adjourn**
- VIII. Pending**
 - Update on IRS New Rules on Tax Increase Prevention & Reconciliation Act
 - Waste Management on Recycling and Refuse



Virg Bernero, Mayor

City of Lansing
Inter-Departmental
Memorandum



To: Virg Bernero, Mayor

From: Murdock Jemerson, Director

Subject: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM - Grant from National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

Date: April 7, 2011

Please forward this resolution to City Council for placement on the Agenda.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please give me a call.

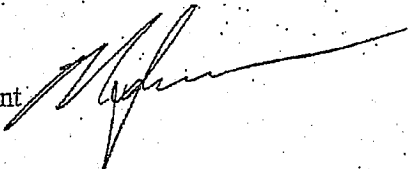
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CITY of LANSING
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 7, 2011

TO: Jerry Ambrose, Chief of Staff
Mayor's Office

FROM: Murdock Jemerson, Director
Parks and Recreation Department 

RE: Request for Grant Acceptance

On March 31, 2011, I was notified by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) that our grant proposal to their new "Grow Your Park" program was selected for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00. The focus of this grant is to document our efforts at educating our youth in community gardening, nutrition and healthy lifestyles. Hunter Park is the park where we currently have an abundance of this type of activity in place. We will work with the Allen Neighborhood Center and its Executive Director, Joan Nelson, to complete the grant items. Each grantee will receive the Grow Your Park community gardening handbook to aid in the development of gardens and programs. Additionally, we will receive from the NRPA a digital video camera to record and report back to the NRPA our progress.

I am requesting that we forward the attached notification from the NRPA to the City Council for their approval prior to April 15, 2011.

cc: Virg Bernero, Mayor
Randy Hannan, Deputy Chief of Staff

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), through a gift from the J. R. Albert Foundation, announced the availability of grant funds to support park and recreation agency's community garden programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation supports, encourages, and promotes the use of parklands for community gardens, nutrition and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation in association with the Allen Neighborhood Center, continues to work collaboratively to make Hunter Park the focus point for these types of activities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation completed and submitted the NRPA "Grow Your Park" grant application; and

WHEREAS, the NRPA does not require a local matching financial contribution to be eligible to apply for this grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council supports and accepts the NRPA "Grow Your Park" grant; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED the administration is authorized to accept the funding and abide by the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.



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Virg Bernero, Mayor

TO: City Council President A'Lynne Robinson and Council Members
FROM: Mayor Virg Bernero
DATE: April 7, 2011
RE: Resolution—Accepting Grant from National Recreation and Park Association
(NRPA)— Park and Recreation Agency's
Community Garden Programs

The attached correspondence is forwarded for your review and appropriate action.

VB/rh
Attachment