

RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SAFETY TOWN AT BARBER PARK

WHEREAS, Safety Town, a safety education program designed for children ages 5-6, has operated in the City at Lewis Community Recreation Center for over 35 years through partnerships between the Greensboro Police Department, the Nat Greene Kiwanis Club of Greensboro, and other community partners and volunteers;

WHEREAS, in 2015, a second Safety Town site, along with other park improvements and enhancements, were included as part of the Barber Park's approved updated master plan, but was removed due to budgetary constraints;

WHEREAS, in late 2020, interest in the project re-emerged and a fundraising campaign, spearheaded by the Greensboro Police Foundation and Bryan Foundation, was launched to complete the design and construction;

WHEREAS, upon completion of construction, Safety Town at Barber Park would be donated to the City as a turn-key project;

WHEREAS, Safety Town at Barber Park demonstrates the continued partnership and collaboration between Greensboro Police and Parks and Recreation Departments to support the City's commitment to leveraging and prioritizing investment residents and the communities where they live;

WHEREAS, a series of community conversations and engagement activities will be held in June/July 2021 to re-introduce the Safety Town concept to the community and to receive feedback and suggestions on program model and operation to ensure that the site meets and complements the needs of residents and future participants;

WHEREAS, at its June 9, 2021 meeting, the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended approval of the donation and turn-key construction of Safety Town at Barber Park;

WHEREAS, the final construction and associated structures will be incorporated into the City's capital assets once completed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the City Council is hereby authorized to accept and approve the donation of a turn-key construction and installation of Safety Town at Barber Park.