WHEREAS the South Madison Neighborhood Plan, a 3 to 10 year mid-range plan, was prepared by South Madison Neighborhoods in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Development, identifies the Solar System Walk as one of the projects to enhance the Wingra Creek area; and

WHEREAS Madison CitiARTS would take the lead in administering this project, while the collaborators offer technical assistance and seek additional funds for the project; and

WHEREAS UW-Space Place, Edgewood College and Madison CitiARTS all agree this is an ideal opportunity for art, science and community to come together, making it a model for civic art; and

WHEREAS a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will go out to artists, designers and architects; and

WHEREAS a jury appointed by the Mayor made up of up to two CitiARTS Public Art Standing Committee members, up to four neighborhood representatives and up to two representatives each from UW-Space Place and Edgewood College and one artist or architect will select artists, designers and/or architects to design and implement sections of the solar system walk. The selected artists or teams will enter into contracts with the City of Madison for design and fabrication of the artwork.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CitiARTS Commission is authorized to apply funds from the Municipal Art Fund to develop a scaled Solar System Walk along the Wingra Creek Bike Path and authorizing the Mayor to appoint a jury for selection of artists or teams for this project.