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**File Name:** Approving plans and specifications for modifications to the Philosophers' Grove located on the 100 Block of West Mifflin Street

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Approving plans and specifications for modifications to the Philosophers' Grove located on the 100 Block of West Mifflin Street. (4th AD)

**Notes:** Chris P.

**Sponsors:** Michael E. Verveer and Ledell Zellers

**Effective Date:**

**Attachments:** 12 fairchild red stones.jpg, Draft Concept proposed changes 3-12.pdf, Philosophers Grove 041615.pdf

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### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Engineering Division	03/25/2015	Referred for Introduction				
1	COMMON COUNCIL	03/31/2015	Refer	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS		04/08/2015	Pass
1	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	03/31/2015	Refer	DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE		04/16/2015	
1	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	03/31/2015	Refer	MADISON ARTS COMMISSION		04/14/2015	
1	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	04/08/2015	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER				Pass
1	MADISON ARTS COMMISSION	04/14/2015	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS			Pass
1	DOWNTOWN COORDINATING COMMITTEE	04/16/2015	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS			Pass

**Text of Legislative File 37817**

**Fiscal Note**

Funds are available in Account 10868-64-130

Estimated cost is \$25,000.

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**Body**

WHEREAS, the 100 block of West Mifflin Street, known at the Philosophers' Grove, was constructed in 2004 and includes a composition of granite and bronze "stones"; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there have been an increasing number of complaints about negative behavior in this area; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council included funding in the 2015 Capital Budget that specified that an inter-agency City staff team, led by the Planning Division and comprised of staff from Engineering, Parks, Traffic Engineering and others as necessary, will work in conjunction to develop options for area improvements for consideration by the Council in early 2015. Funding of \$50,000 of available TID 32 proceeds is to support implementation efforts that may arise from the work completed by the inter-agency staff team; and

WHEREAS, the staff team held two public meetings to receive public input on design issues and programming ideas for the space, and have been advised by the Downtown Coordinating Committee throughout this process; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Coordinating Committee recommended removal of a series "stones" in order to open up the middle of the space to allow for greater pedestrian movement; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Coordinating Committee also asked staff to explore additional physical changes and ways to activate the space so that it is safe and welcoming to all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans and specifications for modifications to the Philosophers' Grove located on the 100 Block of West Mifflin Street are hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Engineer is hereby authorized to contract for the work in accordance with City Ordinances and State Statutes.