



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No expenditure required.

Title

Authorizing the Common Council to accept ownership from the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association of two “Little Libraries” located within the Lexington Avenue right of way and the Starkweather Creek bike path corridor, as well as a neighborhood entrance sign located within the Burke Avenue right of way.

Body

WHEREAS, the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association wishes to install and maintain two “Little Libraries”; one located near the northeast corner of East Washington Avenue and the 3300 block of Lexington Avenue, and the other located in the Starkweather Creek bike path corridor, as shown on Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association also wishes to install and maintain a neighborhood sign on the south side of the 3300 block of Burke Avenue near the intersection of Gannon Avenue, within an existing permitted neighborhood garden area, as shown on Exhibit C and depicted on Exhibit D; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the offices of the City Attorney, Building Inspection, Engineering, Planning, Traffic Engineering and Risk Management have reviewed this request and conditionally approved of the placement of the Little Libraries and the neighborhood entrance sign; and

WHEREAS, the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association will transfer ownership of the Little Libraries and neighborhood entrance sign to the City after they have been installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Madison accepts ownership from the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association of two “Little Libraries” located within the Lexington Avenue right of way and the Starkweather Creek bike path corridor, as well as a neighborhood entrance sign located within the Burke Avenue right of way, all as depicted on attached Exhibits A, B, C & D; subject to the following conditions:

1. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall obtain letters from the adjacent property owners that state that they do not object to the installations of the Little Libraries and neighborhood sign.
2. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall be responsible for all costs of installation and maintenance of the Little Libraries and neighborhood sign.
3. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall locate the Little Libraries and neighborhood sign at specific locations, to be approved by City Engineering and Traffic Engineering staff.
4. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall be responsible for locating all underground utility services in the areas of library and sign placement, shall contact Diggers Hotline prior to any excavation activities, and have all utilities properly marked.
5. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall comply with all Madison General Ordinances

regarding the construction and installation of the Little Libraries and neighborhood sign within public rights-of-way, including any and all applicable City of Madison permits for excavation and installation, including a City Engineering Excavation Permit.

6. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall coordinate with City Engineering staff to avoid placing a neighborhood sign structure over any part of the sanitary sewer main located along the south shoulder of Burke Avenue, and to keep any structure at a minimum distance of 10 feet from the sanitary manhole near the intersection of Burke Avenue and Gannon Avenue.
7. The City shall not be held responsible for any damage to the Little Libraries and neighborhood sign that may be caused by the City, its employees, contractors, or others.
8. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association shall monitor the Little Libraries for objectionable materials and remove materials that may be construed as such.
9. The City may remove either of the Little Libraries and/or the neighborhood sign if not properly maintained, by giving the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association sixty (60) days written notice prior to removal. The Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association is responsible for any reasonable costs associated with such removal.
10. The City may remove either of the Little Libraries and/or the neighborhood sign if the areas occupied by them are required for transportation or other public purposes, by giving the Carpenter-Ridgeway Neighborhood Association sixty (60) days written notice prior to removal. Transportation purposes include, without limitation because of enumeration, public alleys, streets, highways, bike paths, sidewalks, and facilities for the development, improvement and use of public mass transportation systems.