Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No additional City appropriation required

Title

Accepting ownership of the sculptural installation *Shift* by Julia Schilling, located Highland Underpass

Body

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2010, the Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) held a public design charette that resulted in a vision for the corridor that prioritized creating public art for the two underpasses that connect the neighborhood with the UW-Madison Campus and UW Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014 the Common Council Adopted the University Avenue Corridor Plan (File ID 32635) that specifically recommends installing public art in these two underpasses to improve safety, walkability, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, in the spring semester of the 2013-2014 academic year, Associate Professor Sam Dennis of UW Madison's Landscape Architecture Department, assigned students a service learning project wherein they researched and created possible arts-based solutions to address neighborhood concerns about the safety, lighting, and walk-ability of the underpasses; and

WHEREAS, the resulting student proposals were presented to neighborhood association board members and residents at a meeting of RNA on March 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood approved Julia Schilling to create her proposed design because it stood out as having an aesthetically pleasing design solution that also met all the criteria established by the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Regent Neighborhood Association championed Julia Schilling's project since she was an undergraduate student in UW-Madison Landscape Architecture Department in 2014; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2019, in Resolution Number RES-19-00315, Legislative File I.D. Number 55081, the Common Council authorized the City of Madison to contract with Julia Shilling to create *Shift*, a public art installation in the Highland Avenue Underpass beneath Campus Drive; and,

WHEREAS, *Shift* was successfully installed in Highland Avenue Underpass on April 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the artist has submitted all necessary documentation for the project as specified in her contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Madison accepts ownership of *Shift* by Julia Shilling, in Highland Avenue Underpass beneath Campus Drive.