

Legislation Text

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AARP Community Challenge Grant

Action:

- A. Adopt a budget ordinance accepting AARP Community Challenge grant of \$15,500, and**
- B. Adopt a resolution approving the conveyance of two porch-style metal swings and frames to the nonprofit organization Sustain Charlotte, Inc.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (N.C.G.S.) 160A-279 staff is requesting City Council's approval to convey two porch-style metal swings and frames for public use to Sustain Charlotte, Inc.
- In July 2018, Housing and Neighborhood Services and Planning, Design and Development were awarded a \$15,500 AARP Community Challenge grant to install porch-style swings for public use near bus stops along Belmont Avenue in the Belmont Community.
- The AARP Community Challenge is a program sponsored by the AARP Livable Communities that awards "quick-action" grants to make communities livable for people of all ages.
- The purpose of the swing project is to create "place" and opportunities for community interaction by installing unique and comfortable features where people gather, while improving the experience of waiting for a bus and the experience of walking to business destinations.
- Belmont Avenue was identified as a prime candidate for the porch swing project due to the community's continual engagement around the revitalization of the corridor. The locations along Belmont Avenue which were selected based on proximity to CATS Bus Route 4, proximity to existing and emerging community businesses/organizations, topography for ease of construction, and ownership that can provide oversight and the minimal maintenance that may be required.
- Estimated value of each swing and frame unit is \$2,890, making the total estimated value \$5,780. Additionally, the City will contract with Sustain Charlotte, Inc. for the installation of the swings, which is estimated at approximately \$7,500.

Fiscal Note

Funding: AARP Community Challenge Grant

Attachment(s)

Photo
Preliminary Site Plan
Resolution
Budget Ordinance