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To: Common Council

From: Curtis Hall, Park and Recreation Division Manager

Re: Lincoln Park Zoo Reed Ave. Entrance Landscaping project proposal

The Zoo Society has presented a project proposal to the City for review and approval. The Zoo Society is proposing to improve the landscaping around the existing flag pole located by the north entrance of the zoo (in center of existing cul-de-sac). Attached is the quote the Zoo Society sourced from their preferred contractor. The landscaping would highlight bricks and benches that are dedicated to local veterans or veteran groups. The Zoo Society would fund the project through fundraising and seeking donations from local veteran groups. The Zoo Society is proposing that they would manage the maintenance of the landscaping through volunteer labor and supplementing the annual landscaping contract. The initial installation will cost approximately \$18,780 and be installed in spring of 2024.

There was some discussion at the Zoo Society level regarding some concerns within the Zoo Society and City staff related to timing and applicability of this specific project, questioning if this project fits the current master plan and is in line with the Zoo Societies mission. This project was proposed to the Zoo Society and brought to a vote and was voted to approve, with the majority of the Zoo Society in favor of proceeding with the project approval process. The Zoo Society is a major supporter of zoo operations and improvements and the city staff appreciates and respects their input and ideas so the staff recommendation would be to approve the project proposal.