

Proposed: 02/07/2022

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2022 (COTW), *First Reading*

By Council President Hart

(via Initiative Petition)

An Ordinance to require that a public activity park be created on the 1.07 acres of city-owned land at the corner of Lee Road, Tullamore Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights (the City) gives the citizens the right to propose any legislative measure, as cited in City Charter Section VIII-I (Initiative), and

WHEREAS, the creation of a public activity park at the corner of Lee Road, Tullamore Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard (the Site) supports and enhances the 10 goals of the City's Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land identified the Site as a high-yield, high-need option for an open, safe public greenspace, and

WHEREAS, a park at the Site provides opportunities to counter social and economic stratification and promote social enrichment, and

WHEREAS recent events, such as the COVID 19 pandemic, increase the demand for the open public spaces that parks provide, and

WHEREAS proximity to a park improves public health and increases property values, and

WHEREAS, the urgent need for more urban greenspace, such as the 1.07 acres of the Site, is supported by the August 9, 2021, United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report that states climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying, creating immense human suffering. We can think globally by acting locally, and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights (the City) passed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding on July 13, 2021 with Flaherty & Collins to develop 4.8 acres of City owned land, and

WHEREAS, a park on the Site supports the City's 4 goals for the Flaherty & Collins plan: 1) promote Cleveland Heights' rich legacy and progressive future 2.) support Cedar-Lee businesses, residents, and visitors 3.) create integrated, inclusive, and connected public spaces 4.) capitalize on recent district investments.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITIZENS OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. A public activity park be created on the 1.07 acres of City owned land at the corner of Lee Road, Tullamore Road and Meadowbrook Boulevard, and

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SECTION 2. All construction activities associated with the Site be suspended as of the certification of this petition.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

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MELODY JOY HART  
President of Council

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AMY HIMMELEIN  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor