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To: DDA Board of Directors
From: Austin Colson – Community & Economic Development/DDA Director
Date: August 16, 2024
RE: Placemaking and Public Spaces Program Agreement

Oakland County’s Revitalization and Placemaking Program (“RAP 2.0”) is a grant program intended to distribute American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to address the COVID-19 impacts and incentivize revitalization needs in local communities.

Funding is planned to be utilized locally to renovate the existing playscape located in Municipal Park. The current play structure does not offer ADA accessibility, whereas the new design is built entirely on universal design principles. A fully renovated play structure represents a leap forward for Lathrup Village children, as well as those in nearby communities.

As part of our town center, this public space not only creates a more desirable setting and atmosphere for the surrounding residents but also increases the economic benefits to surrounding property owners. Public spaces in town centers provide a setting for events and organized gatherings, increasing the number of visitors.

The following resolution authorizes the City’s Community and Economic Development/DDA Director, Austin Colson, to sign the Placemaking and Public Spaces Program Agreement with Oakland County.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Board Member _____ seconded by Board Member _____ to approve Resolution in support of the Oakland County RAP 2.0 Revitalization & Placemaking Grant Application.