



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

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| Meeting Date | January 23, 2025 |
| Originating Department | Community Development Department |
| Contact Person | Cory Mattson, Community Programs Planner |
| Title | Resolution 25-2001/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with The Friends of Third Place Commons for Calendar Years 2025-2026 |

Legislative History

- First Presentation August 12, 2024 City Council Special Meeting
 - Second Presentation Included in the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
 - Action Budget Adopted at City Council Meeting 11/14/2024
 - Agreement Authorization January 23, 2025
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-2001/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with The Friends of Third Place Commons for Calendar Years 2025-2026
 2. Agreement with the Friends of Third Place Commons for 2025-2026
 3. Exhibits A-C for Agreement
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Executive Summary

In the 2025-2026 biennial budget, the City allocated \$35,000 per year to the Friends of Third Place Commons (the "Commons"). The Commons will continue to provide a venue for the City, community of all ages, and art/culture programs at no charge to the public. The Commons will continue to report the services it provides semiannually, along with an outcome progress report. Under the proposed agreement, the Commons is required to demonstrate an \$11,000 match from Lake Forest Park citizens, businesses, and local non-government agencies for each year of this agreement.

Background

Founded in 1999, the Friends of Third Place Commons provides a venue for the City, arts, seniors, businesses, schools, libraries, youth, healthcare, resident programs, and events in the community. The Third Place Commons functions, in large part, as the City’s “community center.” The City has provided funds to the Commons since 2001. Contract amounts and the required matching funds since 2007 are provided below:

| Third Place Commons – LFP Contract | | | | | | | | |
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| | 2007-2008 | 2009-2014 | 2015-2016 | 2017-2018 | 2019-2020 | 2021-2022 | 2023-2024 | 2025-2026 |
| City Contribution | 25,500 | 26,000 | 26,520 | 27,000 | 28,500 | 28,500 | 28,500 | 35,000 |
| Required TPC Match | 5,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Annual Total | 30,500 | 37,000 | 37,520 | 38,000 | 39,500 | 39,500 | 39,500 | 46,000 |

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The Friends of Third Place Commons would be unable to provide a gathering space for the city, community, youth, seniors, teens, and art and culture programs at no charge to the public without funds from the city.

Alternatives

| <i>Options</i> | <i>Results</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve | Friends of Third Place Commons will be able to provide service to all LFP residents at no charge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek Different Terms | Less funding for the Friends of Third Place Commons will equal to less services for LFP residents |

Staff Recommendation

Review and approve Resolution 25-2001 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Friends of Third Place Commons for calendar years 2025-2026.