

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department

To: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

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Subject: Bentzin Family Town Square Commission Ordinance

Background

In July 2025, this committee reviewed the structure and role of the Bentzin Family Town Square Commission and approved moving forward with dissolving the commission.

The commission was originally created to assist with the development and activation of Bentzin Family Town Square. Since that time, the operational needs and administrative oversight of the space have evolved, and staff have assumed the primary responsibilities for coordinating programming, facility use, and event management within the Town Square.

The purpose of this agenda item is for this committee to review the formal ordinance language repealing the Bentzin Family Town Square Commission ordinance. Following review and any potential action, the ordinance repeal would be forwarded to the Common Council for consideration and final approval.

Budget Goal

1. Encourage community growth by assessing opportunities, involving all stakeholders, environmental needs, modern code and policy priorities.

Financial Impact

There is no anticipated financial impact associated with the repeal of the Bentzin Family Town Square Commission ordinance. Administrative oversight and coordination of Bentzin Family Town Square activities are currently managed through existing staff responsibilities. However, pending any implications for the Property Management Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority.

Recommendation

The Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department recommends the committee reviews the proposed ordinance repealing the Bentzin Family Town Square Commission ordinance and, if appropriate, recommend approval of the repeal to Common Council.

Motion: Move to recommend approval of the ordinance repealing the Bentzin Family Town Square Commission and forward the ordinance to Common Council for consideration.