



City of Greensboro

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300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-311

Agenda Item# G.6.

Agenda Date: 5/7/2024. **Department:** Planning

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Consent Agenda

Title: 2024 – 311 Resolution to Approve Reimbursement Agreements for up to \$75,000 of Municipal Service District Funds

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

Council District: District 2

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: NA

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PURPOSE:

Council approval of the Grant Agreement between property owners in the Dunleath Municipal Service District and the City of Greensboro to award a reimbursement of up to fifty percent of the cost for the repair of historically contributing stone walls on Park Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The historic granite street wall that is located along the public right of way at 600, 602, 604 and 606 Park Avenue is in very poor condition and because of the high cost of repair is at serious risk of being lost. The Dunleath Neighborhood association supports this use of Municipal Service District funds. The Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing at the meeting on April 24, 2024 and voted to recommend in favor of awarding the grants. The grant will reimburse property owners up to half the expense directly related to the reconstruction and repair of the granite street wall in order to ensure its preservation.

Retaining walls are generally partially in the Right of Way, but are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. The Dunleath Municipal Service District Plan recognizes the importance of the original street walls to the character of the historic district and the value they add to the historic setting of the district. Preservation of the historic street walls in Dunleath has been determined to be an eligible use of Municipal Service District funds and on September 19,

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2023 the Greensboro City Council approved the establishment of the Dunleath Retaining Wall Restoration Program. The program reimburses property owners for up to fifty percent of the cost of wall repair. The program is consistent with the neighborhood's Municipal Service District Plan as it falls under the goal to "Preserve Historic Streetscape and Environment". The Dunleath Neighborhood Association has allocated \$75,000 in funds for the 3 year Municipal Planning period of 2022-2025 for the purposes of repairing historic retaining walls that contribute to the character of the historic streetscape within the Dunleath District.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Reimbursement to property owners will not exceed \$75,000 for all four properties.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

210-20-2021001.5949

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council approve the resolution for reimbursement agreements for work at 600 Park Avenue, 602 Park Avenue, 604 Park Avenue and 606 Park Avenue.