



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 30, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Andrew Clough, Director, Public Works
Subject: Donation from Friends of Fountain Walk

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation of up to \$40,000 from the Friends of Fountain Walk for repairs to the historic balustrades and railings along Fountain Walk from Marin Circle to Del Norte Street.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, and Public Works Departments are also allocating \$15,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund, for a total project budget up to \$55,000.

Friends of Fountain Walk donation.....	<\$40,000
City expenditure (610-5216-431-6580-13SW06)	\$15,000
<u>Total Project Budget</u>	<u><\$55,000</u>

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The balustrades and railings on Fountain Walk are in considerable disrepair, and the Friends of Fountain Walk have been conducting a fundraising campaign for the repair and restoration of the historic walkway. The exact amount of the donation is unknown at this time, since the fundraising is continuing, and is expected to be as much as \$40,000. Construction plans have been prepared on a pro-bono basis by a landscape architect who is a member of the Friends group, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed and approved the plans. The Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, and Public Works Departments have agreed to allocate another \$15,000 in in-kind expenses, principally for staff and administrative costs. Any remainder from City funds would be allocated for construction.

City staff has collaborated with the community group and has agreed to prepare final construction bid documents, and bid out and manage the construction contract. The combination of the Friends' donation and City allocation will be used to cover expenses for the project, including both direct contract costs and the value of personnel for administration.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting the funds allows the City to restore the Fountain Walk, an important element of the City's historic fabric. Executing this work will also celebrate the work of the community volunteers who raised these private donations.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF FOUNTAIN WALK FOR
REPAIRS AND RESTORATION OF FOUNTAIN WALK

WHEREAS, Fountain Walk is an important historic element of this Berkeley neighborhood and all of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the balustrades and railings on Fountain Walk from Marin Circle to Del Norte Street are in significant disrepair, and the City has limited funds for such repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Fountain Walk conducted a fundraising campaign for the repair and restoration of the historic walkway and now offer a donation of up to \$40,000 for the repair and restoration of Fountain Walk.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City accepts a donation of up to \$40,000 from the Friends of Fountain Walk for repairs to the historic balustrades and railings along Fountain Walk from Marin Circle to Del Norte Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its deep appreciation to the Friends of Foundation Walk for their kind and generous donation.

