

Resolution No. 827-2020

By Council Member Johnson

FOR ADOPTION
October 23, 2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting the joint application submitted by Natural Areas Land Conservancy and Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. to the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the purchase and improvement of the eight parcels comprising the Garden of Eleven Angels memorial site in the City of Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Public Works Commission, administers financial assistance for conservation purposes through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program (“Clean Ohio”); and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy and Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. desire financial assistance for the acquisition and improvement of eight parcels (PPN 129-27-063; 129-27-064; 129-27-065; 129-27-066; 129-27-067; 129-27-068; 129-27-069; 129-27-070) that will comprise the Garden of Eleven Angels in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a group of Cleveland residents, public officials, ministers, activists, and others have been actively discussing how to change the image of Imperial Avenue, which was the site of one of the most gruesome murders in Cleveland’s history; and

WHEREAS, the site of the Garden of Eleven Angels located on Imperial Avenue in the Cleveland Mount Pleasant neighborhood is a combined effort by this group taskforce to convert this site into a public space that will promote healing and hope for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Garden of Eleven Angels will serve as a memorial site to honor and commemorate the eleven women murdered on the site, offering closure and healing to the victims of the family while providing the surrounding neighborhood with a safe and attractive outdoor community space to gather and reflect; and

WHEREAS, Clean Ohio funding will support ongoing fundraising efforts to establish the planned Garden of Eleven Angels, which will help to uplift the physical appearance, safety, and social infrastructure of the historically disinvested Mount Pleasant neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Natural Areas Land Conservancy is facilitating the acquisition of all eight parcels, which will be transferred to Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. immediately upon closing, with Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. to provide long-term ownership and maintenance of the Garden of Eleven Angels property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland recognizes the importance of quality neighborhood greenspaces to provide opportunities to gather, recreate, reflect and enjoy nature, improving quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council supports the joint application of Natural Areas Land Conservancy and Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. to the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program for the acquisition and improvements of the eight parcels comprising the proposed Garden of Eleven Angels memorial site in the City of Cleveland; and

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Natural Areas Land Conservancy.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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10/21/2020
FOR: Councilmember Johnson

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**REPORT
after second Reading**

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READ THIRD TIME on OCTOBER 21, 2020

PRESIDENT

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

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