

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 16, 2025, AGENDA**

| Subject: | Action Required | Approved By |
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| Resolution to Authorize the Central Arkansas Library System Foundation to Conduct Fundraising and Develop a Portion of the Vacant Lot Adjacent to the Main Library Branch for Public Park Use | Ordinance ✓ Resolution | Delphone Hubbard City Manager |
| Submitted by: Director Kathy Webb | | |
| SYNOPSIS | A resolution authorizing the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to consent to and approve the efforts of the Central Arkansas Library System Foundation (“the Foundation”) and other interested parties to conduct a fundraising campaign and to develop a portion of City-owned property (the “Vacant Lot”) adjacent to the Main Branch of the Central Arkansas Library System as part of the proposed I-30 Crossing Park project, consistent with the Sasaki master plan for the area. | |
| FISCAL IMPACT | There is no immediate fiscal impact to the City of Little Rock associated with this resolution. All funds required for the design and construction of the improvements to the Vacant Lot will be raised and held in trust by the Foundation. The City will not incur costs for the development phase. Future maintenance or operational impacts, if any, will be evaluated prior to acceptance of the improvements into the City’s park system. | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Adopt the Resolution. | |
| BACKGROUND | The City of Little Rock has commissioned Sasaki, an architecture and design firm, to develop a comprehensive plan for the I-30 Crossing Park, located on property formerly occupied by highway access ramps and other public | |

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improvements within the Interstate 30 right-of-way. This new urban park is intended to reconnect portions of the downtown area and create new green spaces for residents, visitors, and workers.

A portion of this planned parkland lies immediately south of the Main Branch of the Central Arkansas Library System, encompassing approximately 618 linear feet along the south right-of-way of Second Street between Cumberland Avenue and River Market Avenue. The Foundation has expressed interest in developing a portion of this Vacant Lot into a functioning park space for use by library patrons, staff, downtown residents, and the general public.

The Foundation proposes to conduct a fundraising campaign to finance this project, targeting an implementation period within the first six months of calendar year 2026. The City's consent and approval are subject to several conditions, including:

1. All funds raised shall be held in trust by the Foundation.
2. Expenditure of funds shall require approval from Sasaki, the City's Parks and Recreation Director, and a representative of the Ecological Design Group.
3. All improvements shall comply with "Phase 0" of the Sasaki I-30 Crossing Park master plan to ensure consistency with the overall park vision.
4. No commercial uses shall be permitted on the Vacant Lot.
5. Fundraising and improvements may commence only upon the Board's adoption of this Resolution.

This partnership aligns with the City's goal of supporting public-private collaborations that enhance the downtown environment and expand recreational and cultural amenities for residents and visitors alike.