

RESOLUTION NO. R99-2 CMS

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PROJECTS TO RESTORE THE HISTORIC GASHOLDER BUILDING, DEVELOPING A PARK-AND-RIDE PARK, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FUNDING OF THESE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Oberlin's 1889 Gasholder Building, one of the few remaining such structures in the nation, the only one in existence west of the Appalachian Mountains and a fine example of Nineteenth Century Industrial architecture and craftsmanship, has been recently named to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Gasholder Building has, over the course of its long life, fallen into a state of disrepair and is in urgent need of attention in order to preserve it; and

WHEREAS, Oberlin has a rich and proud history having played an active role in the Underground Railroad, the Abolitionist cause and the American Civil War, thereby helping to lead many persons along the road to freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Gasholder Building could be restored and developed into an interpretive/educational museum devoted to preserving for future generations the heritage of the Underground Railroad and Oberlin's role; and

WHEREAS, the North Coast Inland Trail, also known locally as the Oberlin Bike Path, now passes through the same site as the Gasholder Building, bringing thousands of new visitors to Oberlin each year; and

WHEREAS, there are presently few locations whereby people who need to drive to access Oberlin's Bike Path can park their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the property in the vicinity of the Gasholder Building and the Bike Path, currently a construction yard, could be developed into a useful and attractive Park-and-Ride park and Welcome Center; and

WHEREAS, such a project would benefit not just Oberlin, but would have County, State and National significance; and

WHEREAS, the family of Arthur H. "Kenny" Clark has generously offered to donate the Gasholder Building and a portion of the surrounding property to the City should an application for project funding ultimately be successful.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager be authorized to submit applications for grant funding from any and all sources appropriate to this proposed project.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager be authorized to solicit letters and resolutions endorsing this proposed project from various organizations in Oberlin and elsewhere, to serve as evidence of broad-based support for the City's applications.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading - February 16, 1999 (E)
2nd Reading -
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL



CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 2/17/99

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/17/99