

City of Conway, Arkansas Resolution No. R-16-07

A RESOLUTION BY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF AN NEA ART WORKS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING DESIGNS FOR THE FORMER CONWAY SCRAP METAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the City of Conway wishes to partner with the University of Arkansas Community Design Center to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Art Works Grant for up to \$100,000 for Design & Engineering of the proposed Performing Arts Amphitheater/Park Space which is proposed to be built at the location formerly occupied by Conway Scrap Metals and currently owned by the City; and

Whereas, the City of Conway was awarded an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant in 2015 for the cleanup of the project site; and

Whereas, the communities support for the remediation and redevelopment of this space was expressed in Resolution No. R-13-47 and through public engagement conducted in 2013 & 2014 through the Jumpstart Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Conway passed resolution R-15-07 in support of a similar yet unsuccessful grant application in 2015 requiring a 1:1 Match, which if approved, will be \$100,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1: The City of Conway does hereby express its support for the NEA Art Works Grant to fund necessary design work of the proposed "Reimagining the Town Square", and will fully support the allocation of match funds up to \$100,000 should the grant be awarded.

Section 2: The City of Conway supports partnering with the University of Arkansas Community Design Center as the lead design firm for the public space in this grant application. The Project Manager and/or the Mayor are hereby given authority to sign agreements and contracts regarding this project.

Section 3: All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Passed this 23rd day of February, 2016.

Approved:

Mayor Tab Townsell

Attest:

City Clerk/Treasurer