

City of Conway, Arkansas Resolution No. R-15-07

A RESOLUTION BY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF AN NEA OUR TOWN GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING DESIGNS FOR THE PROPOSED PERFORMING ARTS AMPHITHEATER

Whereas, the City of Conway has completed Master Planning for the Markham Street Corridor through the Jump Start Grant, receiving community support for the remediation and redevelopment of the former Conway Scrap Metals Yard, and has applied for an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant to support this process in 2015;

Whereas, Design and Engineering plans will be required in order to support the construction of this project based upon the intended secondary use as a proposed storm water management area during severe rain events, and which designs are required to properly plan the remediation phase of the Cleanup process;

Whereas, the City of Conway seeks Council support to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) "Our Town" Grant for up to \$200,000, in partnership with the University of Arkansas Community Design Center (UACDC) who would provide all necessary Schematic Design, Civil Engineering, Architectural and other related design work as needed for design of the proposed Performing Arts Amphitheater/Park Space planned for this area;

Whereas, the Match/Cost Share requirement for this grant, if approved, will be \$100,000 (50/50) of the total grant.

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 Our Town Grant to fund necessary design work of the proposed Performing Arts Amphitheater/Park Space, 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 Director of Community Development and/or the Mayor are hereby given authority to sign agreements and contracts regarding this project.

Passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

Approved:

Attest:

Mayor Tah Townsell

Michael Ö. Garrett City Clerk/Treasurer