



## **District Improvement Program Review Committee**

Meeting Minutes – 12/7/2023 at 12:00 a.m. via Zoom

### **I. Attendees**

Voting Members:

- Council President and District Councilmember: Matt Cherry
- Director of Economic Development: Brandon Sehlhorst

Non-Voting Members:

- Clerk of Council: Gerald Dendinger
- City Council Chief of Staff: Lucy Frank

### **II. Applications**

#### **a. Beverly Roundabout Gateway Application**

Sehlhorst provided an overview of the Department of Economic Development's application. The applicant is requesting for the City to install a "TOL" sculpture, lighting and landscaping in the Beverly Roundabout located at the intersection of Byrne Rd., Devonshire Rd., and S. Detroit Avenue. Sehlhorst explained the department's strategic focus on enhancing the City's gateways and improving the community's quality of place and vibrancy. Cherry asked Sehlhorst to provide more detail on the lighting component of this project. Sehlhorst explained that the City intends to utilize commercial-grade solar flood lights to light up the sculpture at night. Lucy Frank asked Sehlhorst to explain the plan for maintaining the roundabout going forward. Sehlhorst explained, the City intends to plant low maintenance perennial plants around the sculpture. The Department has been working with the Division of Urban Beautification to include this site on their routine maintenance list.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Cherry to recommend approval of the Beverly Roundabout Gateway District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from District 2's available DIP balance for the installation of a "TOL" sculpture, lighting and landscaping in the roundabout of the Byrne Rd., Devonshire Rd., and S. Detroit Avenue intersection in South Toledo.

**Vote:**

Yeas: Cherry

Nays: None

Abstentions: Sehlhorst

**b. South Toledo Gateway Application**

Sehlhorst provided an overview of the department's application. The applicant is requesting for the City to install a bracket on the Chessie Circle Bridge over the Anthony Wayne Trail in South Toledo that can hold the "TOLEDO" letters that have been refinished. This project will enhance this gateway into the City from Maumee. Sehlhorst explained that this project is in partnership with Metropark Toledo, who also plans to make aesthetic improvements to the bridge as part of this effort to enhance the gateway into the City.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Cherry to recommend approval of the South Toledo Gateway District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from District 2's available DIP balance for the installation of a bracket structure to support the weight and size of the refinished "TOLEDO" letters.

**Vote:**

Yeas: Cherry

Nays: None

Abstentions: Sehlhorst