

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2023(PD), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren, President Hart, Vice President Cobb, and Council Member Mattox

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Friends of Mendelsohn, a non-profit corporation, and/or Naylor Wellman, LLC for payment of funding to Naylor Wellman, LLC for historic preservation services related to the placement of Park Synagogue on the National Registry of Historic Places and designation of such property as a National Landmark; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the owner of Park Synagogue, which was designed and constructed in 1945-1950 by world-renowned architect Eric Mendelsohn, are exploring options for redevelopment of the 28-acre site located at 3300 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, a non-profit corporation, Friends of Mendelsohn, has been created to spearhead redevelopment of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Mendelsohn has retained an historic preservation consulting company, Naylor Wellman, LLC, to perform consulting work to have the Property placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and designated as a National Landmark in order to make the property eligible for historic tax credits and other federal, state and/or private grants; and

WHEREAS, the Property was certified a local Cleveland Heights Landmark in 1976 and recertified by the Landmark Commission on January 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined it would be in the best interests of the City and its residents to have the Property placed on the National Registry and designated as a National Landmark, preparatory to redevelopment, and is thus willing to contribute to the cost of the consulting work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Friends of Mendelsohn and/or Naylor Wellman, LLC to contribute funding in the sum of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) toward professional services to be provided by Naylor Wellman, LLC related to the placement of Park Synagogue Property on the National Registry of Historic Places and designation of the Property as a National Landmark.

SECTION 2. All documents and contracts necessary to effectuate the payment shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

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SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to meet application deadlines for tax credits. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



MELODY JOY HART
President of the Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: 01/17/2023

Presented to Mayor: 01/18/2023

Approved: 1/27/2023

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor