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May 18, 2021

Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot
Mayor of Chicago
City Hall
121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602



Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

The National Park Service (NPS) selected the preferred alternative in the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Federal Actions In and Adjacent to Jackson Park: Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Amendment and Transportation Improvements on January 31, 2021. The NPS, who administers the UPARR program, is finalizing the conversion process by providing the two signed amendments enclosed for the City of Chicago (City) and Chicago Park District (CPD).

Pursuant to UPARR Act (54 U.S.C. § 200507) and Regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 72), all assisted must be maintained for and accessible to the public for recreation use in perpetuity. If the City would like to “convert” the site to non-recreation uses, the grant sponsor must meet the conditions for approval by the Secretary (delegated to NPS). Those conditions are to be in accord with the then-current local park and recreation recovery action program and to have adequate recreation properties and opportunities of reasonably equivalent location and usefulness. Further requirements are outlined in the UPARR conversion requirements regulations.

The executed amendments will update the sponsor information and memorialize this partial conversion. The first amendment reflects the original grantee and subgrantee relationship between the City and CPD under UPARR and the current ownership and management of each site. The second amendment documents the UPARR boundary being removed from the area around the Obama Presidential Center (Museum tower, Forum space, and public library) and sliver takes along road alignments throughout the Jackson Park and adjusts the UPARR boundary to include the closed road alignments and the east end of Midway Plaisance. It also instructs the City to confirm equivalency for the east end of Midway Plaisance and provides an attached timeline for achieving recreation equivalency for all replacement property.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Joel Lynch at (202) 354-6905 or by email joel_lynch@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herbert C. Frost". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Herbert" being more prominent than the last name "Frost".

Herbert C. Frost, Ph.D.
Regional Director

cc: Maurice D. Cox, Chicago Department of Planning and Development, City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., Room 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60602
Michael P. Kelly, Chicago Park District, 541 N. Fairbanks, Chicago, IL 60611

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 -URBAN PARK AND RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT
AMENDMENT TO UPARR GRANT AGREEMENTS (FNP 10-915)

Jurisdiction: City of Chicago		
Grant Agreement No.: 17-CTY-1670-80-02 & 17-CTY-1670-80-04	Amendment No.: 17-CTY-1670-80-02.2 & 17-CTY-1670-80-04.3	State: Illinois
Project Title: 17-CTY-1670-80-02 – Reuse and Innovation Planning 17-CTY-1670-80-04 – Rehabilitation of 13 Buildings and Sites		

THIS AMENDMENT TO GRANT Agreement Nos. 17-CTY-1670-80-02 & 17-CTY-1670-80-04 is hereby made and agreed upon by the United States of America, acting through the Director of the National Park Service pursuant to the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program Act 54 U.S.C. § 2005 and regulations 36 CFR Part 72.

The GRANTEE and the United States, in mutual consideration of the promises made herein and in the agreements of which this is an amendment do promise as follows:

That the above mentioned agreements are amended by adding the following:

These agreements are amended to have the City of Chicago (City) as the grantee and add the Chicago Park District (CPD) as the subgrantee under the applicant jurisdiction, due to the underlying ownership and management of the following properties:

17-CTY-1670-80-02:

1. Broadway Armory Park – pass through to Chicago Park District – fee simple ownership (October 1982)
2. Jackson Park – pass through to Woodlawn Organization – fee simple ownership

17-CTY-1670-80-04: pass through grants to the Chicago Park District

1. Carver Park, 939 E 132nd St. – fee simple ownership
2. Columbus (Christopher) Park, 500 S Central Ave. – fee simple ownership
3. Dvorak (Anton) Park, 1119 W Cullerton St. – fee simple ownership
4. Eckhart (Bernard) Park, 1330 W Chicago Ave. – fee simple ownership
5. Garfield (James) Park, 100 Central Park Ave. – fee simple ownership
6. Humboldt (Alexander Von) Park, 1400 N Humboldt Dr. – fee simple ownership
7. Jackson Park, E 63rd Street and S Stony Island Ave. – fee simple ownership
8. Jefferson Playlot Park, 1709 S Desplaines St. – fee simple ownership (January 1982)
9. Park #429 (former South Shore Country Club), 7059 S South Shore Dr. – 18 year lease with fee simple ownership afterwards
10. Pulaski (Casimer) Park, 1419 W Blackhawk St. – fee simple ownership
11. Rainbow Beach Park, 3111 E 77th St. – City fee simple ownership and lease to CPD
12. Sherman Park, 1301 W 52nd St. – fee simple ownership
13. Washington Park, 5531 S Martin Luther King Dr. – fee simple ownership

In all other respects the agreements of which this is an amendment, and the plans and specifications relevant thereto, shall remain in full force and effect. In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this amendment as of the date entered below:

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UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

GRANTEE

BY [Signature]
(Signature)

CITY OF CHICAGO
(Government Name)

Regional Director
(Title)
National Park Service

BY [Signature]
(Signature)

MAURICE D. COX
(Name)

18 May 2021
(Date)

DEPT. OF
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SUBGRANTEE

Chicago Park District
(Government Name)

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Michael P. Kelly
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General Superintendent & CEO

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That the above mentioned agreements are amended by adding the following:

Jackson Park will have the following areas removed from the original UPARR 1010 boundary map (shown on the existing UPARR 1010 boundary map):

- a) 4.6 acres along the west side of the park (generally forming a rectangle bounded from the corner of E Public Way and S Stony Island Avenue, Eastbound Midway Plaisance, and S Cornell Drive cutting across at the latitude of the E Public Way); and
- b) 5.2 acres along new roadway alignments in the park.

The replacement properties will be open and available with improved recreation opportunities as described below. The following properties (depicted on the attached amended UPARR 1010 boundary map), improved in the manner described below, will become subject to the provisions of UPARR:

- a) The eastern end of the Midway Plaisance (5.2 acres) – Recreation will be improved by restoring historic tree plantings and a walkway; installing playground structures (both nature play and inclusive play facilities) on the west side of the site; and improving the drainage on the eastside to provide improved space (approx. 30 by 50 yards) for informal recreation. Prior to implementation, the City must provide NPS the opportunity to confirm the final design still meets the statutory equivalency requirements previously mentioned, due to the design review outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement executed December 17, 2020. The replacement property will be open and available to the public within three years of the date of this agreement.
- b) The closed roadway alignments (11 acres) – Recreation opportunities on these new parklands will include new trails, extensions to existing trails, and informal recreation spaces allowing for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety and access across Jackson Park. This replacement property will be open and available for public recreation on a phased basis within three years of the two respective phases of construction, which are planned to commence in the Third Quarter of 2021 and Fourth Quarter of 2024, respectively (see attached timeline).

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18 May 2021
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Phasing of Construction and Replacement Recreation

Loss of recreation from the UPARR area in Jackson Park will arise in two phases, namely third-quarter 2021 and fourth-quarter 2024. For each phase, appropriate replacement recreation will be in place within three years. The phases of loss and corresponding gain are reflected in the table below.

The first phase will replace the recreation lost from the OPC site with the new recreation in the Midway Plaisance as well as the recreation lost from transportation improvements north of 64th Street in Jackson Park with recreation gained from the closure of existing roadways. The existing open space, portion of the track and field, picnic grove, sidewalk and landscape buffer will be replaced with recreation that restores historic tree plantings and a walkway; installs playground structures (both nature play and inclusive play facilities) on the west side of the site; and improves the drainage on the east side to provide improved space (approx. 30 by 50 yards) for informal recreation, new multi-use trails and open space.

The second phase will replace recreation lost from transportation improvements south of 64th Street in Jackson Park with recreation gained from the closure of existing roadways. The existing sidewalk and landscape buffer will be replaced with new multi-use trails, connections to existing multi-use trails, open space, and informal recreation opportunities.

Recreation Loss			Recreation Gain		
Planned Timing	Loss Location	Acreage	Planned Timing	Gain Location	Acreage
Q3 2021	OPC conversion footprint	4.6	Q1 2024	Midway Plaisance (OPC replacement)	5.2
	Hayes / Cornell Intersection	0.7	Q2 2023	Cornell – 64 th Street to 62 nd Street	1.9
	Hayes / Lake Shore Drive	0.2		Richards – Hayes to Marquette	1.0
	Hayes / Richards	0.1		Hayes – Stony Island to Lake Shore Drive	0.5
	Lake Shore Drive	1.3			
	Midway – Stony Island to Cornell	0.3			
	Stoney Island – 64 th Street to 59 th Street	2.2			
Q4 2024	Cornell – 65 th Street to Hayes	0.2	Q4 2026	Cornell – Midway to OPC	0.1
	Stony Island – 67 th Street to 64 th Street	0.2		Cornell – 62 nd Street to 59 th Street	3.3
		Cornell – 67 th Street to 64 th Street		2.2	
				Marquette – Stony Island to Richards	2.0



Attachment to Amendment to UPARR Grant Agreement
 Nos. 17-CITY-1670-80-02.3 and -04.4

Amended UPARR Boundary

LEGEND

 Amended UPARR Boundary



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UPARR Boundary Changes

LEGEND

- UPARR Boundary
- Removed from UPARR boundary
- Addition to UPARR boundary



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