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**MAYOR EMANUEL, DEPARTMENT OF FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT INTRODUCE  
ORDINANCE TRANSFORMING A VACANT CITY-OWNED LOT INTO A SCULPTURE GARDEN**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Fleet and Facility Management today introduced an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease agreement to support The Purpose Foundation's sculpture garden project. The project will transform a vacant City-owned property into a sculpture garden that can be enjoyed by members of the Grand Boulevard community.

"This partnership with The Purpose Foundation in building a sculpture garden is another way that the City is showing its commitment to bringing public art to every community across Chicago," said Mayor Emanuel. "By making lasting contributions and investments in neighborhoods, we are continuing to build on the goals of The Year of Public Art."

The sculpture garden will be developed at a vacant City-owned lot, located at 450 East 47th Street, by granting a five year, \$1 lease to a local nonprofit, The Purpose Foundation. The Purpose Foundation will develop the sculpture garden at the vacant property with the help of an award of grant funding from Commonwealth Edison.

The Department of Fleet and Facility Management hopes this ordinance can serve as an example of how communities can beautify vacant City-owned lots in their neighborhoods.

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