

Resolution 2013-R-09

Motion to Support a Public Art Initiative in Riverdale Park

Introduced by: CM Jonathan Ebbeler

Date Introduced: March 4, 2013

Date Adopted: March 4, 2013

Date Effective: March 4, 2013

WHEREAS, a the Town of Riverdale Park continues to increase its efforts towards a vibrant community through goals and efforts that complement our neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS, policy direction is warranted to creates opportunities to activate public spaces that are either not utilized or underutilized; and

WHEREAS the town of Riverdale Park has a long history of supporting its local artists and our town center and the Route 1 corridor could increase its viable commercial offerings through supporting the arts; and

WHEREAS a grant has been secured by the HCDC/RPAC towards this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Town leadership must do everything in its power to find cost effective solutions that creating a welcoming environment for current and future economic development as well as beatifying the town; and

WHEREAS MSAC reports that for every \$1 of direct spending in the arts industry it generated \$2.85 in direct expenditures on goods and services; and

WHEREAS the MSAC 2009 Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts Organizations in Maryland reports the following statistics:

- 8.8 million people attended arts events in 2009
- \$339 million in direct spending on goods and services are attributed to art audiences
- Art organizations generated \$231 million in direct goods and services spending
- Total economic impact is \$1.14billion
- Total FTE jobs created by this industry was 12,000
- Total Arts related employment generated \$426 million in salaries
- The Arts generated \$414 million in state and local taxes

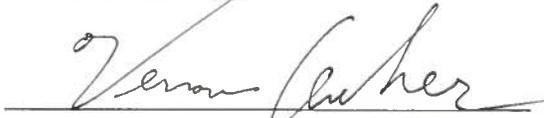
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Riverdale Park is committed to investigate and pursue initiatives either internally with staff or externally with organizations that will lead to the implementation of a program by FY2014 that will bring art to public spaces within Riverdale Park's municipal borders.

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK



Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator



Vernon Archer, Mayor