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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Community Development Committee

**LIAISON:** Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** David Marquardt, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Parks & Recreation

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution approving lease agreements with Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association, East Hills Council of Neighbors, and John Ball Area Neighbors for use of park lodge buildings**

Attached is a resolution authorizing execution of lease agreements between the City of Grand Rapids and three (3) neighborhood associations for use of park lodge buildings. The lease agreements are for the following park buildings and associations:

- 1) Cherry Park Lodge – East Hills Council of Neighbors,
- 2) Garfield Park Lodge – Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association, and
- 3) Lincoln Park Lodge – John Ball Area Neighbors

The Parks and Recreation Department has a long history of partnering with neighborhood associations to occupy park lodge buildings for their office space. Having neighborhood associations in these buildings maintains an active presence in the parks and provides a convenient space for meetings and events. Key terms of the agreements are as follows:

- A term of three years, to be effective January 1, 2025.
- Neighborhood association to pay rent of \$1.00 for each year during which the lease is in effect.
- Neighborhood association to pay the cost of electric, gas, and telephone.
- Neighborhood association, at its own expense, is responsible for keeping the premises in good order and free of litter during the term of the lease.

Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving lease agreements between the City of Grand Rapids and Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association, East Hills Council of Neighbors, and John Ball Area Neighbors for use of Garfield Park Lodge, Cherry Park Lodge, and Lincoln Park Lodge, respectively.

RESOLVED:

1. That lease agreements are approved between the City of Grand Rapids and the following organizations for the use of the identified City park lodge buildings:
  - a. East Hills Council of Neighbors for the use of Cherry Park Lodge,
  - b. Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association for the use of Garfield Park Lodge,
  - c. South West Area Neighbors dba John Ball Area Neighbors for the use of Lincoln Park Lodge; and
2. That said agreements shall be for a term of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027; and
3. That the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreements on behalf of the City in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

**CORRECT IN FORM**



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**