

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, the City of Newport has been considering the redevelopment of Newport's North End for many years with the acquisition of the Naval Hospital land an important element of that redevelopment; AND

WHEREAS, in November 2010 the City, in a submission made in pursuit of a Public Benefit Conveyance (PBC) mechanism for the waterfront portion of the hospital land, identified proposed use of that land *generally for park and water-related recreation including boating and water transportation*, and that the land be used for *passive recreation including, but not limited to, pedestrian access, bikeway, and scenic viewing* and that the *proposed greenway would directly connect to existing public waterfront access along the adjacent city-owned Washington Street Extension located to the south of the hospital property*; AND

WHEREAS, in July 2011 the City Council in Resolution 2011-097 reiterated the City's interest in the use of a PBC mechanism in conjunction with an Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) mechanism for the land; AND

WHEREAS, the PBC and EDC conveyance mechanisms are no longer in play, however, community interest in the proposed use of the waterfront land as a park remains; AND

WHEREAS, in various documents prepared by the City associated with Naval Hospital land acquisition and redevelopment, the waterfront land at that site has been depicted as a public park and this has reinforced the community's expectation of that eventual use; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Newport reiterates its support of the previously proposed use of waterfront land at the Naval Hospital site as a public park and water-related recreation site including boating and water transportation.

JUSTIN S. MCLAUGHLIN
NAOMI L. NEVILLE

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk