

April 12, 2011

ITEM#: 6.B.

RE: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SALT LAKE CITY APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF CBD ARTS DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS FOR PERMANENT ELECTRICAL POWER UPGRADES FOR PIONEER PARK

PROJECT AREA: All

PREPARED BY: D.J. Baxter

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Salt Lake City Arts Council has requested \$35,000 in the 2011/2012 RDA Budget to cover costs associated with producing the Twilight Concert Series in Pioneer Park. By approval of the attached resolution, the Board may elect to fund this request from previously-allocated CBD Arts District Planning & Implementation funds, enabling the improvements to be made prior to this year's Twilight Concert Series.

FUNDING: CBD: \$35,000 in prior-year allocations for Arts District Planning & Implementation.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not adopt the resolution.
- 2) Adopt the resolution.
- 3) Adopt the resolution with amendments.

ANALYSIS AND ISSUES: The Arts Council's decision last summer to move the Twilight Concert Series to Pioneer Park resulted in an overwhelmingly successful 2011 Concert Series. Unfortunately, the move also necessitated the rental of additional equipment that was not needed when the series was held at the Gallivan Center. Upgrades to the electrical capacity in Pioneer Park would benefit both the Concert Series and the Downtown Farmer's Market by reducing the need for rental of portable generators.

While the request was made for next year's budget, funding in the 11-12 Budget would not be available until July 1, 2011, meaning the improvements could not be made in time for this summer, and the Arts Council would not gain the financial benefit of these improvements until next summer. If the Board is willing to authorize the expenditure of CBD Arts funds allocated in prior years, the improvements could be made immediately, reducing the cost of rental equipment needed for this summer's concert series.

BACKGROUND: The RDA has allocated funds for Arts District Planning & Implementation over several years. Pioneer Park is located within the CBD project area, and is therefore an eligible location for expenditure of CBD funds.

ATTACHMENTS: 1) Draft Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SALT LAKE CITY APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF CBD ARTS DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS FOR PERMANENT ELECTRICAL POWER UPGRADES FOR PIONEER PARK

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City (“Agency”) was created to transact the business and exercise the powers provided for in the Utah Community Development and Renewal Agencies Act; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has budgeted funds within its 2010/2011 budget and prior years for planning and implementation of an arts district in the Central Business District (“CBD Arts District Implementation Funds”); and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Arts Council (“Arts Council”) has submitted a budget request application for the 2011/2012 budget for \$35,000 to help fund the installation of electrical power upgrades to Pioneer Park to provide a permanent power source for the Twilight Concert Series, thereby reducing production costs related to portable generator rental fees; and

WHEREAS, providing funding in the 2011/2012 budget will delay construction until the 2012 summer concert season requiring the Arts Council to pay approximately \$16,000 in generator rental fees to accommodate the 2011 Twilight Concerts; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has adequate previously-allocated CBD Arts District Implementation Funds to meet the Arts Council’s request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SALT LAKE CITY, that we do hereby authorize the expenditure of up to \$35,000 in CBD Arts Implementation Funds for the installation of permanent electrical power upgrades in Pioneer Park.

Passed by the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City, this 12th day of April, 2011.

Luke Garrott, Chairperson

ATTEST:

D. J. Baxter, Executive Director

Transmitted to the Chief Administrative Officer on _____. The Chief Administrative Officer

___ does not request reconsideration

___ requests reconsideration at the next regular Agency meeting.

Ralph Becker, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTEST:

D. J. Baxter, Executive Director

Approved as to form: _____
Laura Kirwan
Senior City Attorney