



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2018

COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authority to issue a five (5) year permit to NeighborSpace for continued use of 1.8± acres of District real estate located along the east bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River between Montrose Avenue and 212 feet south of Berteau Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcel 10.03 for riverbank management and restoration and maintenance of a wood chipped path. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

Dear Sir:

NeighborSpace is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1996, funded and supported in part by the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Since 1998, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") has issued a series of permits to NeighborSpace to use a 1.5± acre portion of District real estate located along the east bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River between Montrose Avenue and Berteau Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, and known as North Shore Channel Parcel 10.03 (portion) for riverbank management and restoration, such as native planting and debris removal, and the maintenance of a wood chipped path. Since 2003, the Board has also issued a series of permits to NeighborSpace to use the remaining 0.3± acre portion of Parcel 10.03 from Berteau Avenue to 212 feet south thereof for similar purposes. On December 5, 2013, the Board consolidated the two permits into a single permit. The consolidated permit expires August 13, 2018, and was issued for a nominal fee of \$10.00.

NeighborSpace has requested to renew the permit for a five (5) year term to use the entire 1.8± acre parcel to continue native planting, debris removal, and maintenance of a wood-chipped walking path.

The District's technical departments have reviewed this request and have no objections thereto. Previous permits have authorized a waiver of the environmental insurance and a nominal fee. The same terms are requested for this new permit.

It is requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and approve the issuance of a five (5) year permit to NeighborSpace for continued use of 1.8± acres of District real estate located along the east bank of the North Branch of the Chicago River between Montrose Avenue and 212 feet south of Berteau Avenue in Chicago, Illinois; North Shore Channel Parcel 10.03 for riverbank management and restoration and maintenance of a wood chipped path. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00.

It is also requested that the Executive Director recommend to the Board of Commissioners that it authorize and direct the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and the Clerk to execute said permit agreement on behalf of the District after it is approved by the General Counsel as to form and legality.

Requested, Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:CMM:JW:vp

Recommended, David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Respectfully Submitted, David J. Walsh, Chairman Committee on Real Estate Development

Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for April 19, 2018

Attachment