

RESOLUTION #2017-36

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE "TRANSFORMING ALBION PROJECT"
AS HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT APPLICATION, AUTHORIZATION
TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND
COMMITMENT OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTION

Background: The three pillars of the Choice Neighborhood grant made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are based on 1) People 2) Housing and 3) Neighborhood. The mission of the Transforming Albion Project is to develop strategies that will enhance access to health, education, transportation, employment, crime-free communities, recreational activities and designs that promote the well-being of its residents. In coordination with the City of Albion and Albion Housing Commission, the MSU Land Policy Institute and School of Planning, Design and Construction will lead the *Transformation Plan* a participatory planning process that will culminate in the development of a *Transformation Plan* for three city neighborhoods with goals regarding Housing, People, and Neighborhoods. Residents will be the driving force behind the 'Strategic Doing' process that will identify and implement the *Action Activities* that are required of the grant. Early conversations with neighborhood residents about potential *Action Activities* indicate interest in improvements around lighting, security, youth activities, and multi-modal transportation. A Memorandum of Understanding sets out the principles which will guide the activities of the \$1.3 million Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant for Precincts 1, 2, 3 of the City of Albion. It is found that the grant application aligns with the goals of the City of Albion's Comprehensive Plan. The City of Albion's support for the planning process is being requested. Approval for this grant submission and grant match in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars is requested. The administrative staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, planning process, and grant match.

RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council hereby supports the Transforming Albion Project as a HUD Choice Neighborhood Planning and Action Grant Application and entering into partnership between the City of Albion, Albion Housing Commission, the MSU Land Policy Institute and School of Planning, Design and Construction, as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLVED, that the Albion City Council shall not seek, through this grant process, to reduce the overall number of public housing units presently available in the City;

RESOLVED, that any members of Committees formed for this Grant, from the City of Albion, shall be appointed to said committees by the City Council in the same manner as other board appointments;

RESOLVED, that in addition to staff time and resources, the City of Albion authorizes a grant match in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars.

RESOLVED, the Albion Mayor and City Manager are authorized to sign documents related to the grant application.

Date: August 23, 2017

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Albion on August 23, 2017.



Jill Domingo
City Clerk