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Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Board
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RE: Request for Authorization to Coordinate the Lions Garden of Healing

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of Lions District 5NW Cabinet, we respectfully request authorization to work collaboratively with Bismarck Parks and Recreation District staff and the Park Board Foundation to coordinate the planning, development, and completion of a proposed Lions Garden of Healing within the Bismarck community.

The concept of a Lions Garden of Healing is rooted in creating a peaceful, reflective, and restorative public space dedicated to healing, hope, service, and community connection. The Lions Garden of Healing is a new prairie-based park being created in Bismarck for children battling cancer and their families. This special space will give children undergoing treatment a safe place to play, heal, and just be kids. It will also provide families a place to gather, reflect, and remember.

The proposed Lions Garden of Healing would be designed to complement the mission of Bismarck Parks and Recreation by enhancing community wellness, accessibility, beautification, and public engagement. Lions District 5NW envisions the project as a collaborative community effort involving local Lions Clubs, civic organizations, volunteers, donors, and community partners working together to create a lasting legacy for the residents of Bismarck and surrounding communities.

Importantly, the Lions District 5NW Cabinet is committed to establishing and leading a capital campaign to raise the funding necessary to make the Lions Garden of Healing a reality. Through community fundraising efforts, grants, sponsorships, memorial opportunities, and philanthropic partnerships, the District intends to secure the financial resources required for the planning, construction, and long-term sustainability of the project.

At this time, we are respectfully requesting authorization to begin working with Park District staff and the Park Board Foundation to further explore site opportunities, project concepts, partnership structures, fundraising coordination, and implementation planning.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board or designated staff representatives to further discuss the vision and potential community impact of the Lions Garden of Healing.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Bismarck.

Sincerely,

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