

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUILDING OF A YOUTH PLAY AREA BEHIND THE EDINGTON CENTER

The Housing Authority of the City of the Asheville provides a wide variety of youth programs and activities at the Edington Center that are critical for child growth and development. Outdoor play is vital to support the healthy development children.

WHEREAS: the Edington Center serves between 100-120 children during the school year with after school and school holiday activities; and

WHEREAS: the Edington Center serves over 150 children during the summer months with camp and summer activities; and

WHEREAS: there is a need for a new, safe Youth play area to further support community engagement including but not limited to sports, crafts, and various other activities; and

WHEREAS: the community farm located behind the Edington Center does not provide a direct benefit to the residents of the HACA in a significant enough manner to justify its use of the HACA property; and

WHEREAS: the proximity of the farm and the herb garden to the Edington Center has resulted in rodents and infestation in the building; and

WHEREAS: the Edington Center budget requires amending of approximately \$200,000 in funds for the new play area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby grants the President & CEO authority to begin the process of dismantling the existing farm behind the Edington Center.
2. The Board of Commissioners hereby grants the President & CEO authority to begin the steps to establishing a new, safe Youth play area to replace the farm.
3. The President & CEO or her Designee is hereby authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the HACA, to negotiate, execute and deliver all such agreements, documents and instruments and take all such other actions as she shall determine to be necessary or desirable in order to affect the Edington Center Youth Play area and all additional actions that are legally permissible and necessary or advisable to carry it out.
4. All acts of the officers and staff of the Authority in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified and approved.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

RECORDING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

I, Monique L. Pierre, the duly appointed Secretary of the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville, do hereby certify that **Resolution NO. 2024-11** was properly approved at a regular meeting held on **March 27, 2024**

(SEAL)

By: _____

Monique L. Pierre, Secretary