



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

A Resolution of Appreciation and Budget Amendment for Donated Funds to Purchase a Dero Fixit Station and Air Pump

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider adopting a resolution of appreciation to Triangle Velo for their donation of \$1,083 towards the purchase of a Dero Fixit Station and Air Pump to install at Wilson Park. The Board is also asked to consider adopting the related budget amendment..

DEPARTMENT: Planning

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INFORMATION: Triangle Velo approached Town staff in November 2015 to inquire about donating funds to purchase a public bicycle repair station for Wilson Park. These outdoor, public repair stands are popping up in bicycle-friendly towns and cities across the world, and are viewed by the League of American Bicyclists as integral components of Gold-level community offerings. The stands are located in public areas that are frequented by all types of bicyclists, and provide free tools and instructions for making minor bike repairs for riders who find themselves in need. The stations include air pumps, bike hangers, wheel stops, and tools to perform basic bike repair and maintenance, from changing a flat tire to adjusting derailleurs.

While staff had considered purchasing a public repair station to improve the Town's chances for achieving Gold level status, the Triangle Velo donation offer prompted a more comprehensive review of available products. Staff compared three types of repair stations, and concluded that the Dero Fixit Station with air pump and wheel stop provided the best product for Town use for two reasons: 1) it is the most economical option, and 2) UNC and Chapel Hill will install the same model in several locations, providing continuity across the community.

Should the Board support the acceptance of Triangle Velo's donation, staff will be able to purchase two Fixit Stations in addition to the one at Wilson Park; one will be located at Town Hall, and one along the Libba Cotten bikeway. The total cost for all three Fixit Stations with air pumps and wheel stops is \$3,476.44, including tax, shipping, and a 10% municipal discount. The \$1,083 donation will be added to the Planning Department budget.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The full project will require \$3,476.44 from the Planning Department budget, plus Public Works staff time to install the repair stands. The \$1,083 donation will be added to the budget towards purchase of one of the stands.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen accept this donation from Triangle Velo for the Dero Fixit Stations and adopt the resolution and budget amendment.