(passed 8-0 Volan absent)

RESOLUTION 06-09

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAND NEAR LOWER CASCADES PARK

WHEREAS, Lower Cascades Park (the "Park"), the oldest city park in Bloomington, has been open since 1924 and has recently been renovated by improving the shelters, trails and parking areas and adding a large, accessible playground; and

WHEREAS, the Cascades Motorcycle Salvage site is a former motorcycle repair shop at 2404 N. Old State Road 37 (the "Property"), depicted on the attached map, incorporated herein by reference. The Property is immediately adjacent to and across from the Park; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Property has been a top priority of the Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners and Parks and Recreation Department, as its acquisition would significantly enhance the appearance of the Park; and

WHEREAS, since 1990 the Parks Department has discussed acquisition of the Property with its owner, and has made several offers to purchase the Property, which were rejected; and

WHEREAS, the Property was listed for sale in late 2005 for $168,500.00; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2006, the City offered to buy the Property for $125,000.00, which was accepted by the Property's owner contingent upon Parks Board and City Council approval and upon the City's satisfaction with the results of environmental evaluations; and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2006 the Board of Park Commissioners approved the acquisition of the Property for $125,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The acquisition of the Property serves a public purpose and furthers the public welfare by increasing recreational opportunities and enhancing the appearance and adding greenspace to the Park; and

2. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to proceed with acquisition of the above-described properties, subject to applicable Indiana law, the satisfaction of contingencies in the offer to purchase, and the availability of funds for the purchase.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20th day of SEPTEMBER, 2006.

CHRIS STURBAUM, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21st day of September, 2006.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution approves the purchase of the former Cascades Motorcycle Salvage site, 2404 N. Old SR 37, near Lower Cascades Park.

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