

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 398

Approved October 26, 2016

WHEREAS, On June 2nd, 2016, the City Council of the City of Providence passed a resolution establishing a pilot program for “creative crossings” in partnership with The Avenue Concept; and

WHEREAS, The Avenue Concept is a local organization dedicated to empowering artists and communities by creating avenues for dialogue and connection through sustainable public art; and

WHEREAS, Many cities around the nation have utilized decorative designs and patterns, or “creative crossings,” as part of traffic calming efforts at busy intersections, in high pedestrian areas, or near schools; and

WHEREAS, The Creative Crossings pilot began in August at Mount Pleasant High School and was a resounding success, bringing together students and residents to beautify their community and to make their neighborhood a safer place; and

WHEREAS, This type of public art helps draw the attention of drivers, reducing the chance of accidents and injuries, as well as enhancing the appearance of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Public art is a valuable tool for giving neighborhoods a sense of place, to bring communities together, and to beautify the streetscape; and

WHEREAS, Public art has the power to educate, inspire, and enhance people’s lives; and

WHEREAS, Placing such artistic crosswalk designs near schools will help to keep children safe on their way to and from school and has the added benefit of promoting art and creativity among our next generation; and

WHEREAS, The Avenue Concept has approached the City of Providence and the City Council about establishing a permanent Creative Crossings program this summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby respectfully request that the appropriate departments work in concert with the City Council to develop formal policies and procedures for future Creative Crossing installations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, Director of Public Works, the Traffic Engineer, the Chief of Police, and the Director of the Department of Arts, Culture, & Tourism.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 10/26/16