



Memo

To: Mayor and City Council

CC: Tracey Nicholson, City Administrator
Lesley Riddle, Director, Public Works
Holly Simmons, City Planner

From: Jim Chandler, Assistant City Administrator and Director, Community & Economic Development

Date: March 7, 2023

Re: The Spot Renewal of Use Agreement with SoHy Co-op

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with Staff recommendations regarding the request by SoHy Co-op for a renewal of its use agreement with the City for programming and use of 'The Spot'.

Summary

In May 2021, the City Council approved a use agreement with SoHy Co-op for the activation of 4503-4508 Hamilton Street, vacant parcels owned by the City of Hyattsville. Since 2021, the SoHy Co-op has regularly hosted community events at the space featuring musical acts and other engaging programming.

The City has received a request from the SoHy Co-op to renew its use agreement in order to provide similar programming through the 2023 calendar year.

The City is considering an upgrade to the subject properties that will transform an existing vacant parcel into a dynamic community hub in downtown Hyattsville. The Spot will serve as a multi-modal hub with parking for motorized vehicles, bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles to access the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail (RIATT) is a bicycle and pedestrian trail that links the

Anacostia Trail System in DC to Prince George's County through the communities of Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and College Park.

In consultation with the Department of Public Works, staff has determined that use of the subject sites by SoHy Co-op through the 2023 calendar year will not impact the City's ability to proceed with improving the site conditions, however if the City proceeds with permitting and procurement of materials prior and is ready to proceed with improvements in either November or December of 2023, the City would provide the SoHy Co-op with a 60-day notice of termination.

With the conditions stated above, the City is in support of the renewal of the use agreement with the So-Hy Co-op.