

**RESOLUTION No. 32, 2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO, INDIANA, APPROVING THE CREATIVE DISTRICT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, by and through its Mayor, Common Council, Clerk-Treasurer, and City Staff (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “City”), is committed to fostering arts, culture and creativity, as they contribute to the life and character of the community; economically, socially, educationally; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the commitment of the ValpoNEXT Plan, adopted in 2014, the community identified the need for an arts district as one of 43 actions derived from the ValpoNEXT Plan. In August 2015, the City initiated a three-month community-driven visualization and planning process in order to prepare a plan for a new arts, culture and creativity district (hereinafter referred to as the CREATIVE District); and

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee was selected to facilitate the visualization and planning process; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the last three (3) months over four hundred and fifty (450) individuals/stakeholders have volunteered their time and efforts to the creative district plan; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the last three (3) months roughly 2,500 ideas, observations, suggestions and aspirations were collected to form the CREATIVE District Plan; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these efforts the CREATIVE District Plan was drafted. The Creative District Plan is hereby incorporated into this Resolution and attached as *Exhibit “A”*; and

WHEREAS, the CREATIVE District Plan contains three (3) initiative areas organizing thirty-four (34) actions consisting of projects, programs and policies that will advance the City and community; and

WHEREAS, the CREATIVE District Plan captures the aspirations and goals of a proud and forward-thinking City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City has carefully reviewed and considered the CREATIVE District Plan and is desirous of adopting this Resolution in order to formally approve the Agenda; and

Whereas, the Plan Commission voted to recommend the approval of the Creative District Plan by a 8-0 vote on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, as follows:

1. The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Indiana, hereby approves the CREATIVE District Plan.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana, by a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of all members present and voting this 14th day of December, 2015.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]**

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