

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(9)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: October 3, 2006

TITLE: Request to Approve a Budget Amendment

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ____ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Budget ordinance B. Advisory board comments on commission proposal	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Alderman Jacquelyn Gist Alderman Randee Have-O'Donnell Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

Planning for the October 28th Greenway Summit is underway. Aldermen Gist and Haven-O'Donnell are requesting that the Board of Aldermen allocate \$250 from the contingency fund to cover expenses associated with the summit. A budget ordinance making this change is provided for the Board's use.

INFORMATION

The Board of Aldermen held a worksession on April 11 on the possible formation of a Greenways and Open Space Committee. A proposal for the commission that was prepared by Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell was forwarded to a number of town advisory boards and commissions for comment (*Attachment B*). Aldermen Gist and Haven-O'Donnell presented a proposal for a greenway summit to the rest of the Board of Aldermen on June 20, 2006. A work group of aldermen, advisory board members and staff was formed and began work in early September to plan for a summit to be held on Saturday, October 28th at the Century Center.

The half-day event will include a keynote presentation, panel discussion, and break-out sessions during which participants will be asked to explore a number of issues associated with greenway development, use, and management. Aldermen Gist and Haven-O'Donnell are requesting \$250 in order to provide refreshments during the event.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available from the Board's contingency.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider adoption of the attached budget ordinance (*Attachment A*) transferring \$250 from contingency to the Planning Department.