

**Resolution authorizing a one year contract with Franklin Park Conservatory to provide programs that foster environmental understanding and promote travel and tourism
(Community Partnerships) (\$285,000)**

WHEREAS, Franklin Park Conservatory is one of Ohio's most significant urban parks dedicated to the promotion of environmental appreciation and ecological awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory maintains unique botanical collections which provide lifelong learning opportunities and fosters community gardening to transform abandoned urban spaces into productive gardens and attractive green spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory provides educational opportunities for area residents, draws visitors from across the nation and abroad, and improves neighborhoods throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Conservatory's Community Garden Campus contains an apiary and beekeeping program which educates people about the importance of honeybees and other pollinators, encourages entrepreneurial participation in the apicultural industry, and supports agriculture and the green industry throughout Franklin County and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Park Conservatory provides a unique and beautiful setting for the Asian Festival, which draws over 250,000 individuals from throughout Ohio, the United States and internationally to celebrate and share the ethnic cultures from Asian countries; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners wishes to support the unique and highly successful collaboration between Franklin Park Conservatory and the Asian Festival by designating \$10,000 of the \$285,000 contract for grounds keeping costs associated with the Festival; and

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WHEREAS, the County desires to continue its support of the Conservatory's mission and programs and does so pursuant to Sections 755.16 and 755.18 of the Ohio Revised Code; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the attached contract for services with the Franklin Park Conservatory for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and the attached purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List in an amount not to exceed \$285,000, is hereby approved.

Prepared by Kate Matheny

Cc: Auditor

Franklin Park Conservatory