

December 14, 2022

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MARKER

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The Council at its session on August 3, 2022 referred the following item for review and report.

MOTION, dated 7/18/2022, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE for the Department of Transportation & Engineering, in coordination with the Parks Department, work with "The Lafayette Trail, Inc." to install a marker on the Riverfront to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the visit to Cincinnati of Marquis de Lafayette, May 19, 1825. WE FURTHER MOVE that the City of Cincinnati send an official letter to "The Lafayette Trail, Inc." (20 Midland Drive, Easton, PA 18045), to accept the gift of the marker to be installed in the vicinity of the American Queen Paddlewheel sculpture in the axis of Broadway Street.

The following report by the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) summarizes the actions taken by DOTE and the Parks Department to install a marker commemorating the visit of Marquis de Lafayette.

SUMMARY

Following City Council's approval of donation Ordinance No. 326-2022, which authorizes the City Manager to accept the donated marker, the administration sent a letter to The Lafayette Trail, Inc. to initiate fabrication of the historic marker and to coordinate the delivery.

The Lafayette Trail, Inc. informed the administration that the fabrication orders have been submitted to an Ohio foundry. The marker will be delivered to the Parks Department within the next six months. Once the marker is received, the Parks Department's staff will install the marker in the vicinity of the American Queen Paddlewheel sculpture.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering