



**REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING DATE: JULY 8, 2019**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	8c. CC-19-101
<b>Prior Council Action/Related Items: (Hyperlinks Or PDF)</b>	<a href="#">3.12.2018: Resolution CC-2018-2, Block 34 Trust Authority</a> <a href="#">3.04.2019: Minutes: CC-19-24 Trust Phasing plan</a>
<b>Background / Issue:</b>	<p>Historically, downtown block #34 has been used as an industrial/commercial site. This legacy left unsightly abandoned alleyways, boggy greenspaces and significant mobility challenges. Heavy equipment is presently mobilized on the block as part of the ongoing electric utility burial project and there are potential synergies for additional site work.</p>
<b>Proposal/Solution:</b>	<p>The Block 34 Trust requests that City Council authorize the removal of the alleyways, fill, grade, sod and irrigate the block to improve user mobility and the aesthetic of the block. If possible, the work should be completed before the Holiday Pop-Up Shops event, which commences in November 2019.</p> <p>The City of Stillwater owns the equipment, has the ability and much of the material required to do the work. This work will increase the attractiveness and functionality of the block, which will draw more visitors/customers to downtown Stillwater including commercial activity on the block such as food trucks.</p>
<b>Financial Impact/Funding Source(s):</b>	<p>City staff estimates a cost of \$70,000, which will be funded from FY18-19 year-end balances.</p>
<b>Related Strategic Priority:</b>	<p>#2 Inspired Management: To demonstrate leadership, management and planning skills that focus on results needed to create a better community.</p> <p>#4 Place &amp; Mobility: To develop a strong sense of place that recognizes the interconnectedness of people, buildings, and public systems that best serve the needs of the public.</p> <p>#5 Quality of Life: To develop partnerships that create a high quality of life with equal access to services and amenities;</p>

strong and connected neighborhoods; and a healthy economy and business atmosphere that align with community values.

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Authorize the removal of the concrete alleyways, and fill, grade, sod and irrigate the block to improve user mobility and the aesthetic of Block 34 prior to the Pop-Up Shops event in November.

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**Attachment(s):**

None