

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: April 11, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Happy Hill Shotgun Houses to Triad Cultural Arts, Inc.

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On November 14, 2022, the City Council authorized the sale of two shotgun houses located within Happy Hill to Triad Cultural Arts, Inc (TCA) in the amount of \$1. The stated use at that time was to rehabilitate both structures for use as museum space and a welcome center.

TCA has since revised their intended project scope. Staff received the following description of how the structures would be utilized:

TCA shall rehabilitate the building located at 716 Humphrey Street (the Annie Rorie House) into a City-approved facility capable of accommodating programs for the benefit of the public and various community activities and programming. TCA shall significantly deconstruct the house located at 726 Humphrey Street and thoughtfully salvage materials that can be reused as part of the new construction of a City-approved multi-use center to include a welcome area to purchase tickets and souvenirs, for office space, various community activities, programming and rentals. The two properties are collectively referred to herein as the “Facility.”

Committee Action:

Committee	FIN 4-11	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks:

This revised request still contemplates the City selling the land and structures to TCA in the amount of \$1 as was previously approved. The City would need to approve the final use of said property to ensure that it is consistent with the provisions of NCGS 160A-279 and NCGS 160A-488.