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Agenda Item V, 9. June 23, 2022

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE LICENSE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH MAIN STREET THEATRE & DANCE ALLIANCE

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York (“RIOC”), as follows:

- Section 1. that RIOC is hereby authorized to amend License and Operating Agreement with Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance, upon such terms and conditions substantially similar to those outlined in the Memorandum from Gretchen Robinson to Shelton J. Haynes/Board of Directors dated June 17, 2022, attached hereto;
- Section 2. that the President/Chief Executive Officer or President’s designee is hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such instruments as deemed necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and
- Section 3. that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



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MEMORANDUM

To: RIOC Board of Directors
Shelton J. Haynes, President/CEO

Date: June 17, 2022

From: Gretchen Robinson, VP/General Counsel

Re: Extension of the License and Operating Agreement with the Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance (MSTDA)

Background:

MSTDA is a community-based, non-profit organization that has served the residents of Roosevelt Island for over thirty-five years. MSTDA is run by a professional staff, primarily of volunteers, who are also Roosevelt Island residents. MSTDA strives to enhance the community experience by creating high quality performance and dance training opportunities for all members of the Roosevelt Island community. MSTDA has been operating out of the Cultural Center Theater room for many years and has been responsible for any costs incurred for routine cleaning, maintenance and housekeeping services needed to keep the Cultural Center operational. In March 2015, the RIOC Board of Directors authorized the corporation to enter into a License and Operating Agreement with MSTDA, which is renewed annually.

Request from MSTDA:

On June 7, 2022, MSTDA's Board of Directors, by its letter to RIOC's Board of Directors and RIOC's President, requested an approval to extend their license for five (5) years with renewal options to make the organization eligible for certain grants (the letter is attached). The terms of the original license will remain the same.

Recommendation:

Based on the above, we recommend that the Board of Directors authorize and approve amending the License and Operating Agreement with MSTDA to extend its term for five (5) years, thereby extending the non-exclusive license to last until June 30, 2027; with an option to renew.



Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance

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Dear Mr. Haynes and RIOC Board Members,

Thank you for providing Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance with a space that enables us to serve the community in the best possible way. We are so grateful to each of you for supporting our mission. The support has allowed us to grow and expand our program offering more classes and opportunities to the community. In addition, we have been successful in acquiring grants to fund specific projects that benefit the Roosevelt Island community.

With the expansion of our grant funding, MSTDA is now eligible for capital grants through the New York State Council on the Arts and the Department of Cultural Affairs. To be fully eligible, we must have a multi-year license for the space we occupy with guaranteed rights of renewal. This funding brings opportunities for upgraded equipment, projections, lighting, sound equipment and more, improving the theatre experience for our students, staff, guests and audiences.

The purpose of this letter is to request approval from RIOC for a multi-year license of five years with guaranteed rights of renewal. MSTDA has operated with a license in the theatre space since it was completed in 1993 by Nancy and Worth Howe. We are scheduled to renew our one year license at the end of June annually. If we are able to show proof of a multi-year license with guaranteed renewal rights, we will be eligible to apply for the grants mentioned above. Because we are already recipients from these two organizations, we are prequalified to apply. The one year license is the only barrier to our current eligibility.

We thank you for your consideration. If you have any further questions or need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kristi Towey, Executive Director MSTDA, &
MSTDA Board of Directors