



April 14, 2021

Kent County Veterans Services
836 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Martha Burkett,

The Parks and Recreation Department is working with the [Has Heart] Veterans organization to make improvements to a city-owned building at Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Rapids. The existing building is currently vacant most of the year. [Has Heart] would like to use the building year-round to activate the park space and create revenue to support their organization as well as the Parks and Recreation Department. Concept plans include a café space with outdoor seating. Renovations to the building are needed to bring it up to code and provide a quality space for a café.

The mission of [Has Heart] is to unleash the creative spirit of wounded veterans through art, design and fashion and provide an opportunity for the creative community to give back to the veterans who served on their behalf, both at home and abroad. [Has Heart] would like to take this mission and extend it to a café space in Veterans Park in Grand Rapids to deepen their reach into the veteran community and increase their ability to fund their program.

The Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of this joint venture with [Has Heart] and has committed to 50% of the funding for building improvements. [Has Heart] is seeking the remaining 50% of funds needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Marquardt'.

David Marquardt
Director of Parks and Recreation