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3 RESOLUTION NO. 540

4 A RESOLUTION approving the allocation of up to \$144,000 of  
5 Neighborhood Improvement Funds to The Baseball Club of  
6 Seattle, LLLP for phase one of a pedestrian enhancement project  
7 ancillary to T-Mobile Park.  
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9 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State Major  
10 League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (the “District” or “PFD”) has been created  
11 and possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

12 WHEREAS, in December 2018, the District entered into an Amended and Restated  
13 Ballpark Operations and Lease Agreement (“Lease”) with The Baseball Club of Seattle, LLLP  
14 (the “Club”); and

15 WHEREAS, the Lease provides that the District establish a Neighborhood Improvement  
16 Fund (“NIF”) “to support work consistent with the PFD’s statutory authority and mission  
17 statement”; and

18 WHEREAS, the PFD’s statutory powers authorize the expenditure of funds for public  
19 purposes, including “promoting . . . improving, developing, operating, and maintaining facilities  
20 of the district” (RCW 36.100.160(1)); and

21 WHEREAS, facilities of the District encompass facilities that are part of the “stadium  
22 project” (RCW 36.100.035(2)), which includes but is not limited to the ballpark itself, associated  
23 parking facilities, and ancillary services or facilities; and

24 WHEREAS the District’s stated mission is to “maintain and enhance our iconic baseball  
25 park in order to promote the success of Major League Baseball in the State of Washington,  
26 enhance fan enjoyment, and contribute to an economically successful, safe, desirable, innovative,  
27 and walkable stadium neighborhood;” and

28 WHEREAS, the District established the ballpark Neighborhood Improvement Fund in  
29 2019 consistent with the Lease and its current balance is approximately \$3.56 million; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2021 the Board reviewed a proposed structure and broad goals for the  
31 NIF and found them to be an acceptable framework for the review and approval of proposed  
32 projects; and

33 WHEREAS, pursuant to that framework and the Lease, a four-member advisory group  
34 was established—with two Board members from the District and two members from the Club—  
35 to discuss potential projects and expenditures to be funded by the NIF; and

36 WHEREAS, the Club presented to the advisory group a proposal to share in the cost of  
37 improvements developed by Gensler Architecture that includes a series of concepts for the  
38 enhancement of the pedestrian experience between the Stadium District Light Rail Station and T-  
39 Mobile Park (“Ballpark”); and

40 WHEREAS, the District shares the Club’s goal of providing a safe and clean pedestrian  
41 experience for fans, event attendees, and Ballpark employees; and

42 WHEREAS, the Club has proposed an initial phase of this project in the form of graffiti  
43 clean-up, painting, and beautification along the above-described pedestrian pathway; and

44 WHEREAS, the clean-up and beautification would be followed by additional  
45 improvements consistent with the Gensler design concepts, subject to future District approval;  
46 and

47 WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Club’s proposal is consistent with the Lease and  
48 with the goals for the NIF, including improving the general pedestrian experience of fans,  
49 employees, and the public around the ballpark, enhancing aesthetic conditions, and improving  
50 the immediate ballpark neighborhood through urban design; and

51 WHEREAS, the Board now desires to approve this allocation of the NIF, having  
52 determined that such funding is in the best interest of the District and the public it represents.

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54 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
55 WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES  
56 DISTRICT:

57 Section 1. The use of Neighborhood Improvement Funds to share in the graffiti clean-up,  
58 painting, and beautification along the above pedestrian pathway is in the public interest and will  
59 provide benefits to the public in the form of an improved pedestrian experience for users and  
60 employees of the ballpark.

61 Section 2. The expenditure of these funds is consistent with the District's statutory  
62 authority and in furtherance of the District responsibility to own, maintain, and operate a baseball  
63 stadium and to improve, operate, and maintain the facilities of the District.

64 Section 3. The use of the funds as described is consistent with and promotes the District's  
65 mission to maintain and enhance the ballpark, enhance fan enjoyment, and contribute to an  
66 economically successful, safe, desirable, innovative, and walkable stadium neighborhood.

67 Section 4. The District approves an allocation from the Neighborhood Improvement Fund  
68 of \$144,000 for the initial phase of a pedestrian enhancement project in the form of graffiti  
69 clean-up, painting, and beautification along the above-described pedestrian pathway.

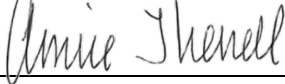
70 Section 5. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to take such administrative or  
71 other actions as necessary to implement the terms and provisions of this resolution.

72 PASSED by a vote of  6  to  0  this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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74 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
75 WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM  
76 PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

  
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Carol Nelson, Chair

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78 ATTEST:  
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Annie Thenell, Clerk