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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-7

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S FINAL RESIDENTIAL COMMISSION, THE RIVERROCK HOUSE, ON THE ORIGINAL SITE OF THE PLANS ADJACENT TO THE LOUIS PENFIELD HOUSE, 2203 RIVER ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO.

WHEREAS, noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed a second home for the Penfield Family of Willoughby Hills in 1959 to replace the already constructed Louis Penfield House which was scheduled for demolition; and

WHEREAS, the plans for the second home, dubbed "Riverrock House" due to the materials for construction that were to be gathered from the Chagrin River, arrived the week of Frank Lloyd Wright's funeral in 1959 cementing the project forever as the final residential commission of Frank Lloyd Wright; and

WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright is internationally renowned as an architect, designer, writer, and educator, designing over 1,000 structures in his lifetime, including Fallingwater, Taliesin, and Taliesin West, and was recognized in 1991 by the American Institute of Architects as the greatest American architect of all time; and

WHEREAS, the Riverrock plans represent the only Frank Lloyd Wright unbuilt design that still has the intended original site available for construction and as such, represents a potentially historical and momentous contribution to the character and development of the City of Willoughby Hills, the County of Lake, the State of Ohio, and the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Willoughby Hills hereby supports the development of Frank Lloyd Wright's final residential commission, the Riverrock House, at property located at 2203 River Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The City of Willoughby Hills hereby actively encourages and endorses grant and any other applications by the Riverrock House Board of Directors, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, to develop the plans for the Riverrock House on the original site located at 2203 River Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were conducted in lawful meetings of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: June 28, 2012

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 28 day of June, 2012

ATTEST: Victoria Ann Savage
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council

David A. Reichelt
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President of Council

Approved by the Mayor
June 28, 2012
Robert M. Weger
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Mayor