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Submission # 225

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Yes

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Yes

**Are you a resident of Burnaby?**  
I am a resident of Burnaby

**Pronouns**  
She/her/hers

**I wish to appear before:**  
City Council

**Name**  
Keiko Funahashi

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable)**  
Nikkei Place Foundation

**Full name(s) and title(s) of speaker(s)**  
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Section 22

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**My delegation addresses matters related to**  
Presentation of a project + request for City support

**What is the intended title of your delegation?**  
Cherry Blossom-Maple Lane Project Along Highland Park Line Trail

**Details about your appearance**  
Dear Mayor Hurley and Council:

I am writing to you today to request a spot in the upcoming City Council Meeting on March 25, 2024 to present on a community initiative – a project we have been working with a long-time Burnaby resident/philanthropist who has stepped up to fund the planting of a row of cherry blossom and Japanese maple trees along the Highland Park Line Trail and possibly naming it after Burnaby's sister city, Kushiro, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary in 2025.

We have been in close contact with BC Hydro that has the Right-of-Way and Fortis BC that has underground gas pipes in the proposed area to get permission to plant trees in the spots that meet their requirements. We would like to present at the City Council Meeting to 1) provide an overview of the proposed project for City's consideration and approval and 2) discuss City support with watering and maintenance of the trees after the planting to ensure that the trees thrive for decades.

We are confident that this project has the potential to make a positive environmental and social impact in the neighbourhood and beyond, and we look forward to the opportunity to share our vision with the council.

**Attachments**

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