

C Community Development Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of, August 25,
2010

Item: 2010-290

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date August 17, 2010
Prepared:
Subject: Adoption of Draft 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan for Purposes of a Public Hearing and Authorization for Public Hearing

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the Draft 2030 Regional Parks Plan for purposes of a public hearing.
2. Authorize that a public hearing on the Draft 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan be held on October 13, 2010, at 5 pm at 390 N. Robert St., with continued acceptance of public comments until 5 pm, October 25, 2010.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

The Committee reviewed the proposal for Highland Park in St. Paul to be designated as a "study area" in the proposed plan. The Committee felt that it did not meet the criteria for a regional park, and inclusion would stretch the resources of the regional park system. Additionally, the Committee stated that that the area does not demonstrate the need for a regional park and that it is not under-served by the regional parks system

The Committee moved the adoption of the draft plan, and the setting of the public hearing, subject to excluding the Highland Park request from the draft plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: August 16, 2010

Council meeting: August 25, 2008

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: August 3, 2010
Subject: Adoption of Draft 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan for Purposes of a Public Hearing and Authorization for Public Hearing
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Mn Statute 473.147
Staff Prepared/Presented: **Ann Beckman, Regional Growth Strategy manager (651-602-1669)**
Division/Department: Community Development Division

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Background

The Council is required by state law to comprehensively review its Regional Parks Policy Plan every four years. The proposed plan incorporates changes proposed as a result of the 2008 decennial review of comprehensive plans, meets the state requirements and supports the Council's adopted Regional Development Framework.

The draft plan is available on the Metropolitan Council website.

Rationale

The adoption of the Draft 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan and setting a public hearing date will allow the plan to move forward for public review and comment as required by law. Staff can then compile and address the comments received and produce a final 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan for adoption by the Council on October 27, 2010.

Funding

None required.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition. The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission has recommended adoption of the draft plan.