

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Committee Members Present: Roger Scherer, Chair; Lynette Wittsack, Vice Chair; Sherry Broecker; Craig Peterson, Kris Sanda; Mary Hill Smith

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Roger Scherer called the regular meeting of the Council's Management Committee to order at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by K. Sanda, seconded by L. Wittsack to approve the agenda for May 14, 2008 and the April 9, 2008 minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Management Committee. *Motion carried.*

BUSINESS

2008-83 Regional Park Foundation Formation

Peter Bell, Chair of the Metropolitan Council presented this item to the Management Committee. It was moved by M. Hill Smith and seconded by S. Broecker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2008-05 (with revision below) authorizing the formation of the Regional Parks Foundation to help acquire lands and other assets for public recreation and open space within the metropolitan area.

The *amended* Resolution No. 2008-05, item #3 should be changed to: "...shall include members of the general public, the Chair of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, *two* members of the Metropolitan Council appointed by the Chair, and representatives..."

Discussion: After some discussion on staffing and financing of this project, Chairman P. Bell assured the Management Council members that the Metropolitan Council is not responsible for the finances of this effort and reiterated that the Parks and Trails Council will be totally accountable. The Legislature authorized the Metropolitan Council to contribute \$500,000 and no additional funds or annual donations.

2008-126 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Program and Capital Program and Budget Amendment

Alan Morris presented this item to the Management Committee. It was moved by M. Hill Smith and seconded by S. Broecker that the Metropolitan Council:

- Amend the 2008 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding \$23,199,298 in new spending authority for Parks and Open Space
- Amend the 2008 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by adding \$9,745,000 in new appropriations for Parks and Open Space.
- Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in attachment 1.

Motion carried.

Discussion: The Parks and Open Space earned interest money was discussed at length. R. Scherer, Chair requested Arne Stefferud, (Parks and Open Space Systems Planning) prepare a memo to the City of Minneapolis suggesting that the interest money from the Parks and Open Space Committee be deposited in a *general fund* and available for all regional parks (since this is *regional* money.) Currently these funds are only made available to the North Mississippi Park. The Council will cooperate with the City of Minneapolis.

2008-134 Request for Waiver of Conflict – Fredrikson & Bryon, P.A.

Nils Grossman presented this item to the Management Committee. K. Sanda moved and G. Peterson seconded that the Metropolitan Council waive any conflict of interest and consent to the representation by Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. of Minnesota Transit Constructors in connection with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) issues associated with the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit project. ***Motion carried.***

Discussion: R. Scherer suggested he had an interest in Fredrikson & Byron only as a client. This is not a conflict of interest.

INFORMATION

2008-139 2007 Financial Results and Reserves

An overview of the Council operating funds for quarter ending December 31, 2007 were reviewed by: Mary Bogie for General Funds
Jason Willett for Environmental Services
Ed Petrie for Metro Transit

The Summary of Procurement for First Quarter 2008 was moved to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Lindstrom
Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05

FORMATION OF REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION OF THE TWIN CITIES

WHEREAS, the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, adopted by the Metropolitan Council June 29, 2005 (amended June 28, 2006), notes that the population of the metropolitan area is projected to increase by one million people by the year 2030 and states that this region should now “identify and preserve the last best natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities in the region for future generations”; and

WHEREAS, the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* identifies several strategies for accommodating the region’s projected growth, including the use of public-private collaborative partnerships to protect the region’s valuable and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* calls for the expansion of the regional park system from 52,600 acres to 70,000 acres by the year 2030, plans for a significantly expanded system of regional trails, and plans for four additional regional parks to complete the parks system after the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, public funds may not be sufficient to fund all of these planned acquisitions or meet the region’s future recreation open space needs, and significant private support for park acquisition and development efforts has been successfully demonstrated in similar park foundations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 2007 Minnesota Laws chapter 113 authorizes the Metropolitan Council to create a private non-profit tax-exempt foundation “to help acquire or finance the acquisition of land and other assets for public recreation and open space within the metropolitan area” and help “preserve and develop regional parks and related facilities”; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 legislation also authorizes the Metropolitan Council to “provide from its general fund up to \$500,000 to help create and establish the foundation,” and states that the use of Metropolitan Council funds and resources for these purposes is a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Metropolitan Council finds that it is in the metropolitan area’s interest for the Metropolitan Council to provide funds and other resources to create and establish a regional parks foundation to help meet this region’s current and future recreation and open space needs and authorizes its Chair to incorporate and establish a private non-profit corporation, know as the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities, consistent with the authorizing legislation; and
2. That the Metropolitan Council authorizes up to \$500,000 of general fund revenues to help create and establish the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities; and

3. That the initial board of the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities shall be chaired by the Chair of the Metropolitan Council, shall include members of the general public, the Chair of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, a member of the Metropolitan Council appointed by the Chair, and representatives of conservation partner agencies, such as the Trust for Public Lands, and the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota; and
4. The purpose of the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities shall be to assist governmental units acquire land and related facilities for regional public parks and trails, and to act in furtherance of the Metropolitan Council's Regional Parks and Open Space plan, as amended by the Metropolitan Council from time to time.
5. As required by the authorizing legislation, the Regional Parks Foundation of the Twin Cities shall comply with all laws that apply to the Metropolitan Council.
6. Pursuant to the authorizing legislation, the Metropolitan Council shall report on the creation and establishment of the foundation to the appropriate legislative committees on or before January 15, 2009.

Adopted on May 28, 2008

Peter Bell
Chair

Pat Curtiss
Recording Secretary

| Agency | Park/Trail | Description | CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED | | | | PROPOSED CHANGES | | | | AMENDED | | | | 2008 Capital Budget | Multi-Year Authorization | |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------|----------|-------|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | | | State | Other | Regional | Total | State | Other | Regional | Total | State | Other | Regional | Total | | | |
| PARKS AND OPEN SPACE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Original Adopted | \$ 31,721,042 | \$ 66,216,648 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | After Prior Amendments | \$ 31,721,042 | \$ 66,216,648 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | After This Amendment | \$ 41,466,042 | \$ 89,415,916 |
| New Legislative Authorization-2008-2009 CIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anoka Co. | Bunker Hills RP | Trails and other facilities | | | | \$ - | \$ 597,800 | \$ 260,200 | \$ 858,000 | \$ 597,800 | \$ - | \$ 260,200 | \$ 858,000 | \$ 214,500 | \$ 858,000 | | |
| Anoka | East Anoka County RT | Trail construction reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 81,000 | \$ 81,000 | \$ 81,000 | \$ - | \$ 81,000 | \$ 81,000 | \$ 20,250 | \$ 81,000 | | | |
| Anoka | Rice Creek Chain of Lakes PR | Campground visitor center, other facilities | | | | \$ - | \$ 569,000 | \$ 171,000 | \$ 740,000 | \$ 569,000 | \$ - | \$ 171,000 | \$ 740,000 | \$ 185,000 | \$ 740,000 | | |
| Anoka | Anoka County Riverfront RP | Parking lot and lighting | | | | \$ - | \$ 54,000 | \$ 36,000 | \$ 90,000 | \$ 54,000 | \$ - | \$ 36,000 | \$ 90,000 | \$ 22,500 | \$ 90,000 | | |
| Anoka | Central Anoka County RT | Trail construction reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ - | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 31,250 | \$ 125,000 | | | |
| Bloomington | Hyland-Bus-Anderson PR | Parcel acquisition reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 67,000 | \$ 67,000 | \$ 67,000 | \$ - | \$ 67,000 | \$ 67,000 | \$ 16,750 | \$ 67,000 | | | |
| Bloomington | Hyland-Bus-Anderson PR | Trail development | | | | \$ - | \$ 330,000 | \$ 109,000 | \$ 439,000 | \$ 330,000 | \$ - | \$ 109,000 | \$ 439,000 | \$ 109,750 | \$ 439,000 | | |
| Carver Co. | Lake Waconia RP | Land acquisition reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 426,000 | \$ 426,000 | \$ 426,000 | \$ - | \$ 426,000 | \$ 426,000 | \$ 106,500 | \$ 426,000 | | | |
| Dakota Co. | Lebanon Hills RP | Trail development, other facilities | | | | \$ - | \$ 667,000 | \$ 83,000 | \$ 750,000 | \$ 667,000 | \$ - | \$ 83,000 | \$ 750,000 | \$ 187,500 | \$ 750,000 | | |
| Dakota Co. | Big Rivers RT | Trail head development | | | | \$ - | \$ 353,000 | \$ 47,000 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 353,000 | \$ - | \$ 47,000 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 400,000 | | |
| Dakota Co. | Lebanon Hills RP | Trail head development | | | | \$ - | \$ 369,200 | \$ 59,800 | \$ 429,000 | \$ 369,200 | \$ - | \$ 59,800 | \$ 429,000 | \$ 107,250 | \$ 429,000 | | |
| Dakota Co. | Lake Byllesby RP | Beach and road development reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ - | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 | \$ 56,250 | \$ 225,000 | | | |
| MPRB | Minnehaha RP | Picnic area rehabilitation | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,741,000 | \$ 1,059,000 | \$ 2,800,000 | \$ 1,741,000 | \$ - | \$ 1,059,000 | \$ 2,800,000 | \$ 700,000 | \$ 2,800,000 | | |
| MPRB | Theodore Writh RP | Beach rehabilitation | | | | \$ - | \$ 532,000 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 539,000 | \$ 532,000 | \$ - | \$ 7,000 | \$ 539,000 | \$ 134,750 | \$ 539,000 | | |
| Ramsey Co. | Rice Creek North RT Bald Eagle-Otter RP/ | Trail development reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 145,000 | \$ 145,000 | \$ 145,000 | \$ - | \$ 145,000 | \$ 145,000 | \$ 36,250 | \$ 145,000 | | | |
| Ramsey Co. | Rice Creek North RT | Prairie development | | | | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 12,500 | \$ 50,000 | | |
| Ramsey Co. | Keller RP | Restrooms and picnic shelters | | | | \$ - | \$ 932,000 | \$ 479,000 | \$ 1,411,000 | \$ 932,000 | \$ - | \$ 479,000 | \$ 1,411,000 | \$ 352,750 | \$ 1,411,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Comp RP | Como Trail reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 149,000 | \$ 149,000 | \$ 149,000 | \$ - | \$ 149,000 | \$ 149,000 | \$ 37,250 | \$ 149,000 | | | |
| St. Paul | Lilydale RP | Master site plan and detailed design plans | | | | \$ - | \$ 60,000 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 60,000 | \$ - | \$ 40,000 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 100,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Sam Morgan RT | Trail design and reconstruction | | | | \$ - | \$ 414,000 | \$ 194,000 | \$ 608,000 | \$ 414,000 | \$ - | \$ 194,000 | \$ 608,000 | \$ 152,000 | \$ 608,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Cherokee RP | Trails and overlooks | | | | \$ - | \$ 25,000 | \$ 168,000 | \$ 193,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ - | \$ 168,000 | \$ 193,000 | \$ 48,250 | \$ 193,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Como RP | Design and reconstruct Eastbrook Drive | | | | \$ - | \$ 102,000 | \$ 401,000 | \$ 503,000 | \$ 102,000 | \$ - | \$ 401,000 | \$ 503,000 | \$ 125,750 | \$ 503,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Como RP | Design for pool renovation, other facilities | | | | \$ - | \$ 182,000 | \$ 455,000 | \$ 637,000 | \$ 182,000 | \$ - | \$ 455,000 | \$ 637,000 | \$ 159,250 | \$ 637,000 | | |
| St. Paul | Harriet Island RP Doyle-Kennefick RP / | Parking lot and lighting | | | | \$ - | \$ 118,000 | \$ 246,000 | \$ 364,000 | \$ 118,000 | \$ - | \$ 246,000 | \$ 364,000 | \$ 91,000 | \$ 364,000 | | |
| Scott Co. | Cedar Lake Farms RP | Land acquisition reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 570,000 | \$ 570,000 | \$ 570,000 | \$ - | \$ 570,000 | \$ 570,000 | \$ 142,500 | \$ 570,000 | | | |
| TRPD | Lake Rebecca PR | Road, parking and trail rehabilitation | | | | \$ - | \$ 3,110,000 | \$ 524,000 | \$ 3,634,000 | \$ 3,110,000 | \$ - | \$ 524,000 | \$ 3,634,000 | \$ 908,500 | \$ 3,634,000 | | |
| Washington Co. | Lake Elmo PR | Playground reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ - | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 31,250 | \$ 125,000 | | | |
| Washington Co. | St Croix Bluffs RP | Shower building, dump station | | | | \$ - | \$ 314,000 | \$ 168,000 | \$ 482,000 | \$ 314,000 | \$ - | \$ 168,000 | \$ 482,000 | \$ 120,500 | \$ 482,000 | | |
| Washington Co. | St Croix Bluffs RP | Land acquisition reimbursement | | | | \$ - | \$ 560,000 | \$ 560,000 | \$ 560,000 | \$ - | \$ 560,000 | \$ 560,000 | \$ 140,000 | \$ 560,000 | | | |
| Subtotal | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,500,000 | \$ - | \$ 7,000,000 | \$ 17,500,000 | \$ 10,500,000 | \$ - | \$ 7,000,000 | \$ 17,500,000 | \$ 4,375,000 | \$ 17,500,000 | |
| State Passthrough Grants (Non-CIP) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| South St Paul | Dakota Co. North Urban RT | Span arch bridge | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 | | |
| MPRB | Minnehaha RP | Stabilize shoreline, storm water retention | | | | \$ - | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ 2,900,000 | \$ 2,900,000 | | |
| Ramsey Co. | Tamarack Nature Center | Play area development | | | | \$ - | \$ 745,000 | \$ 745,000 | \$ 745,000 | \$ 745,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 745,000 | \$ 745,000 | \$ 745,000 | | |
| Subtotal | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,045,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,045,000 | \$ 5,045,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,045,000 | \$ 5,045,000 | | |
| North Mississippi RP Interest Funded Grant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MPRB | North Mississippi RP | Trail development | | | | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ 654,298 | \$ 654,298 | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ 325,000 | \$ 654,298 | | |
| Subtotal | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ - | \$ 654,298 | \$ 325,000 | \$ 654,298 | | |

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| | | | State | Other | Regional | Total | State | Other | Regional | Total | State | Other | Regional | Total | | |
| Land Acquisition Opportunity Grant Account | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| St Paul | Bruce Vento RT | Regional opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | | \$ 572,469 | \$ 572,469 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 572,469 | \$ 572,469 | \$ 572,469 | \$ 572,469 | |
| St Paul | Harriet Island RP | Regional opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | | \$ 122,726 | \$ 122,726 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 122,726 | \$ 122,726 | \$ 122,756 | \$ 122,726 | |
| Ramsey Co. | Battle Creek RP | Regional opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | | \$ 116,609 | \$ 116,609 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 116,609 | \$ 116,609 | \$ 116,609 | \$ 116,609 | |
| Bloomington | Hyland-Bush-Anderson PR | Regional opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | | \$ 339,389 | \$ 339,389 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 339,389 | \$ 339,389 | \$ 339,389 | \$ 339,389 | |
| Land Acquisition Opportunity Account | | | | | | \$ 4,382,160 | | \$ (1,151,223) | \$ (1,151,223) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,230,937 | \$ 3,230,937 | \$ (1,151,223) | \$ (1,151,223) | |
| Subtotal | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,382,160 | \$ 4,382,160 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (30) | \$ (30) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,382,130 | \$ 4,382,130 | \$ - | \$ (30) |
| State Acquisition Grant Account | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington Co. | Grey Cloud Island RP | State opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | \$ 109,256 | \$ 72,838 | \$ 182,094 | \$ 109,256 | \$ - | \$ 72,838 | \$ 182,094 | \$ 182,094 | \$ 182,094 | |
| Dakota Co. | Empire Wetlands RP | State opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | \$ 1,020,000 | \$ 680,000 | \$ 1,700,000 | \$ 1,020,000 | \$ - | \$ 680,000 | \$ 1,700,000 | \$ 1,700,000 | \$ 1,700,000 | |
| Carver Co. | Lake Waconia RP | State opportunity grant | | | | \$ - | \$ 600,000 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 600,000 | \$ - | \$ 400,000 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,000,000 | \$ 1,000,000 | |
| State Acquisition Grant Account | | | \$ 1,899,600 | | \$ 1,266,400 | \$ 3,166,000 | \$ (1,729,256) | \$ (1,152,838) | \$ (2,882,094) | \$ 170,344 | \$ - | \$ 113,562 | \$ 283,906 | \$ (2,882,094) | \$ (2,882,094) | |
| Subtotal | | | \$ 1,899,600 | \$ - | \$ 1,266,400 | \$ 3,166,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,899,600 | \$ - | \$ 1,266,400 | \$ 3,166,000 | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL | | | \$ 1,899,600 | \$ - | \$ 5,648,560 | \$ 7,548,160 | \$ 15,545,000 | \$ 654,298 | \$ 6,999,970 | \$ 23,199,268 | \$ 17,444,600 | \$ 654,298 | \$ 12,648,530 | \$ 30,747,428 | \$ 9,745,000 | \$ 23,199,268 |

Abbreviations

Co. = County

MPRB = Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

TRPD = Three Rivers Park District

RP = Regional Park

RT = Regional Trail

PR = Park Reserve