

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

MEETING OF
METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

October 5, 2010

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Haas, Barb Schmidt, Richard Jabs, Doug Baines, Tom Gamec, Jeff Lee

ABSENT: Billy Dinkel, Bob Moeller, Daniel Shlaferman, Wendy Wulff, Metropolitan Council Liaison to the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Haas called the meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:00 p.m. on October 5, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Commissioner Schmidt motioned and Commissioner Baines seconded to approve the October 5, 2010 Agenda and the September 7, 2010 Minutes. Chair Haas called for a vote. **The motion carried.**

PUBLIC INVITATION:

None.

BUSINESS

2010 Unified Capital Program Amendment to Authorize Additional FY 2010 Parks and Trails Fund Financed Grant to Three Rivers Park District – Arne Stefferud Planning Analyst, Parks Stefferud gave background on the request. In 2009, Three Rivers Park District received a \$1.1 million grant financed with FY 2010 Parks and Trails Fund revenue to construct a retaining wall at Baker Park Reserve (Grant SG-2009-029). The Park District has requested that \$680,000 which remains from the grant be used to match a \$1 million Federal transportation enhancement grant for constructing a bridge on the Luce Line Regional Trail. The balance from the Baker Park Reserve retaining wall grant is due to a very favorable bidding climate and project design changes.

In order for this item to be included in the last amendment to the 2010 Unified Capital Program, the MPOSC needed to consider it at this meeting.

Baines asked if this will be a new bridge. Boe Carlson, Three Rivers Park District stated that it will. He noted that it will cross four lanes of traffic and that currently it is a dangerous crossing.

It was motioned by Commissioner Baines and seconded by Commissioner Jabs to recommend that the Metropolitan Council approve a 2010 Unified Capital Program Amendment which:

1. Amends Grant SG-2009-029 to Three Rivers Park District by reducing the grant amount \$680,000 for a new total of \$420,000.
2. Approves a grant of \$680,000 to Three Rivers Park District financed from the reduction in grant SG-2009-029 to be used as a match to a \$1 million Federal transportation enhancement grant for constructing a bridge on the Luce Line Regional Trail with an expiration date of December 31, 2016.

The motion carried.

Gamec asked if there are other projects where bidding has been low and therefore reduced costs. Stefferud responded that there are not any to his knowledge at this time.

Schmidt noted that once a grant is awarded to an agency, that agency 'owns' it. She asked if this will be true of legacy funds as well. Stefferud stated that it will.

REPORTS

- **Chair** – None.
- **Commissioners** – None.
- **Staff** – None.

NEXT MEETING

Beckman noted that the next MPOSC meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 9th due to Election Day (November 2nd). The meeting will be at 4pm Room LLA.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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