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DATE: September 27, 2011

TO: Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

FROM: Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks (651) 602-1360

SUBJECT: (2011-xxx) Expand scope and duration of Grant SG-2010-078, Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board

INTRODUCTION

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board requests that the scope of Grant SG-2010-078 be expanded to allow up to \$102,000 of the \$600,000 grant to match a \$510,000 Federal grant to rehabilitate and widen 1,600 lineal feet of trail along Cedar Lake Parkway. The grant's expiration date is proposed to be extended from June 30, 2012 to March 31, 2014 to align with the Federal grant. The rest of the grant (\$498,000) will finance the original project--development of up to 1 mile of trail and a pedestrian bridge in the Brownie Lake area of Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park. The grant is financed with a FY 2011 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation. (See **Attachment 1, letter from Deborah Bartels, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board**)

The Metropolitan Council must consider and approve the proposed change in the scope and duration of this grant. This memorandum contains a review of this request under applicable terms of the grant agreement and recommends approving the change in scope and duration of the grant.

AUTHORITY TO REVIEW

Minnesota Statute Section 473.315 authorizes the "Metropolitan Council with the advice of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to make grants from any funds available to it for recreation open space purposes to any municipality, park district or county located wholly or partially within the metropolitan area to cover the cost, or any portion of the cost, of acquiring or developing regional recreation open space in accordance with the [*Regional Recreation Open Space*] Policy Plan".

ANALYSIS

Grant SG-2010-078 (\$600,000) was funded as part of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's share of the State Fiscal Year 2011 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation. It is being used to develop up to 1 mile of trail and a pedestrian bridge in the Brownie Lake area of Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park.

The proposed use of up to \$102,000 of the grant to match a \$510,000 Federal grant to rehabilitate and widen 1,600 lineal feet of trail along Cedar Lake Parkway is consistent with the constitutional requirement that Parks and Trails Legacy Funds be used to support parks and trails of regional and statewide significance. Extending the grant's duration from June 30, 2012 to March 31, 2014 to align with the expiration date of the Federal grant is consistent with rider language on the availability of the FY 2011 Parks and Legacy Fund appropriation law [2009 Session Laws, Chapter 172, Article 3, Section 7]

CONCLUSION

The proposed change in scope and extending the duration of grant SG-2010-078 to provide a \$102,000 match to a \$510,000 Federal grant to rehabilitate and widen 1,600 lineal feet of trail along Cedar Lake Parkway is consistent with the constitutional requirement for the use of Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation that finance the grant and with the appropriation's availability rider language.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the following underlined amendments to Grant SG-2010-078:

Section 1.3 Expiration date: March 31, 2014, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

Section 2. Grantees Duties or Grant Project:

Up to \$498,000 of Grant SG-2010-078 may be used at Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, to implement Brownie Lake Master Plan which includes development of up to one mile of trail and a pedestrian bridge. Plan includes such related items as lighting, signage, plantings, boating and fishing facilities, an archery area, steps and railings, power, slope stabilization, drainage structures, regulatory requirements, engineering, public process, project management, and investigations. Up to \$102,000 of Grant SG-2010-078 may be used for design and engineering costs to match a \$510,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Act grant (#TE 09-15) to rehabilitate and widen 1,600 lineal feet of trail along Cedar Lake Parkway.

Section 8. Authorized Representative

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is:

Name: Deborah Bartels

Mailing Address: Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board
2117 West River Road
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Attachment 1: Letter from Deborah Bartels to Amend Scope and Duration of Grant SG-2010-078, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board



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September 23, 2011

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In regards to: SG-2010-078

Dear Mr. Stefferud:

I am writing to request an amendment to Grant SG2010-078, funding from the Parks and Trails Fund of the Legacy Amendment.

The current scope for SG2010-078 reads:

At Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, implement Brownie Lake Master Plan which includes development of up to one mile of trail and a pedestrian bridge. Plan includes such related items as lighting, signage, plantings, boating and fishing facilities, an archery area, steps and railings, power, slope stabilization, drainage structures, regulatory requirements, engineering, public process, project management, and investigations.

Since the Grant SG2010-078 was awarded, The Park Board requests that the grant agreement's expiration date, grantees duties or grant project and Grantee's Authorized Representative be amended as follows. Amended language is underlined:

Section 1.3 Expiration date: March 31, 2014, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

Section 2. Grantees Duties or Grant Project:

Up to \$498,000 of Grant SG-2010-078 may be used at Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park, to implement Brownie Lake Master Plan which includes development of up to one mile of trail and a pedestrian bridge. Plan includes such related items as lighting, signage, plantings, boating and fishing facilities, an archery area, steps and railings, power, slope stabilization, drainage structures, regulatory requirements, engineering, public process, project management, and investigations. Up to \$102,000 of Grant SG-2010-078 may be used for design and engineering costs to match a \$510,000 Federal Transportation Enhancement Act grant (#TE. 09-15) to rehabilitate and widen 1600 lineal feet of trail along Cedar Lake Parkway.

Section 8. Authorized Representative

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is:

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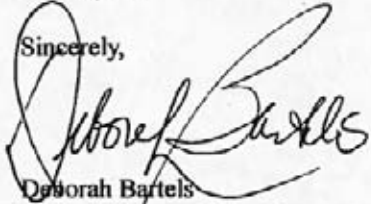
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Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Bartels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Deborah Bartels
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Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

cc: Cliff Swenson
Don Siggelkow