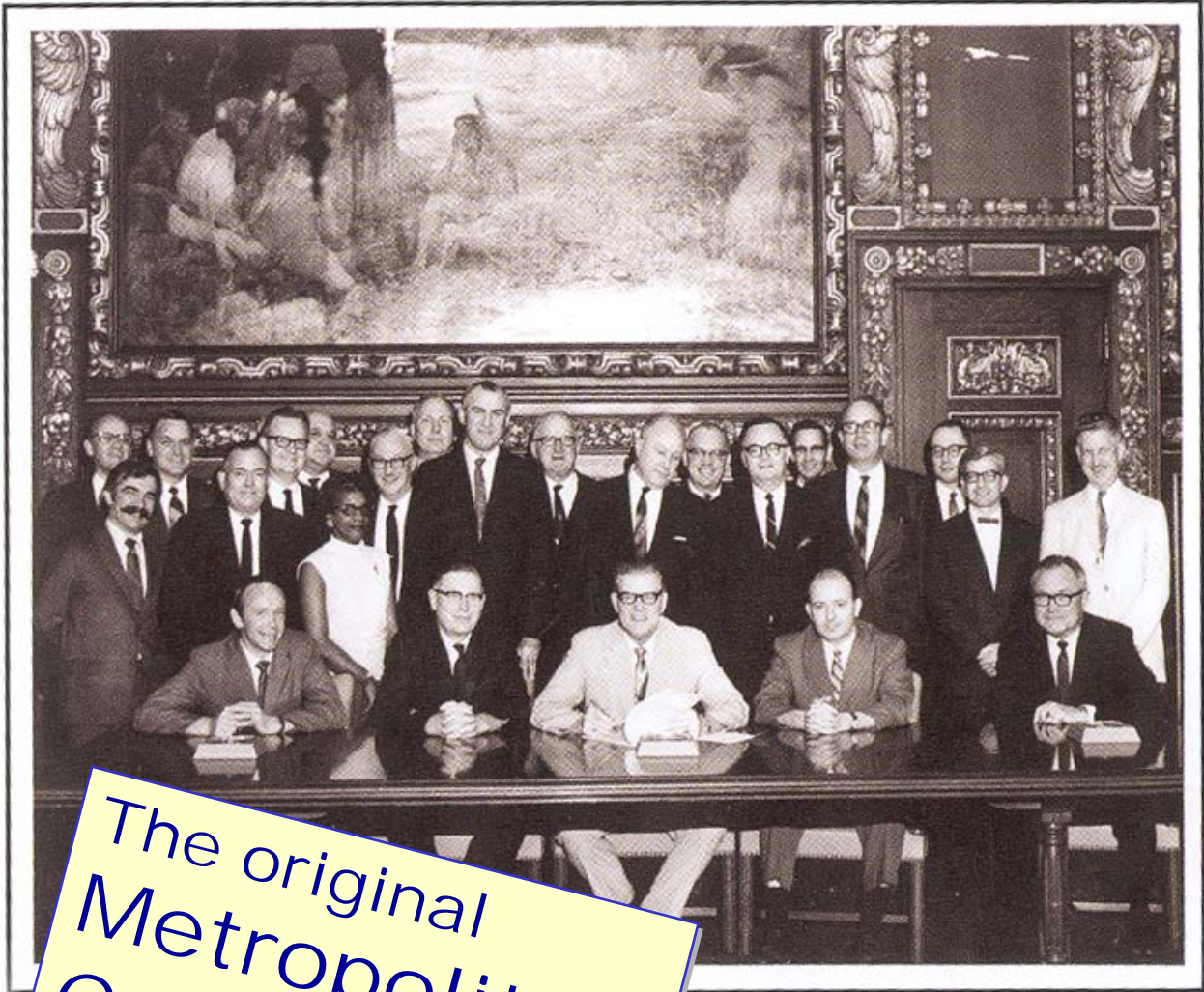




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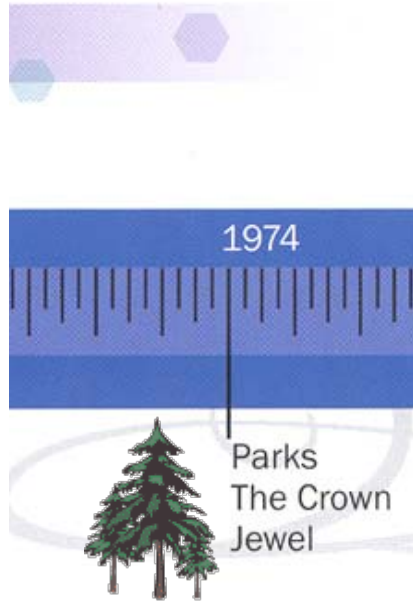
- Speech and past chairs
- Annual report
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**Monday, February 5**

**10-11:30 am**


**Minnesota History Center**






1974 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

### 1974 Parks The Crown Jewel



A regional network of parks, trails and sky-blue waters was first envisioned by Minneapolis Parks Superintendent Theodore Wirth back in the 1930s. Decades later Minnesota lawmakers fashioned the regional system, designating 31,000 acres of existing city and county parks and authorizing up to \$40 million in bonds for land acquisition and park development.

Today, the Twin Cities is graced with a regional parks system that's unparalleled in the country: 52,000 acres of parks and park reserves, 170 miles of trails and six special recreation features, including the enormously popular Como Zoo and Conservatory. In all, the region's parks attract more than 33 million visits a year, with plans in the works to expand regional parks even further.



"Parks are a gift we give to future generations."



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# Regional Policy Conference

- Is the Council still a model?
- Does it have adequate tools?
- Impact of changing demographics?



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