

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

**MEETING OF**  
**METROPOLITAN PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**  
**Held at the Washington County Service Center in Forest Lake**

**October 2, 2007**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glen Skovholt, Richard Jabs, Daniel Shlaferman, Emily Barbeau, Barb Schmidt, Robert Wicklund

**ABSENT:** Lars Erdahl, Michael Rainville, Gary Botzek, Natalie Steffen, Metropolitan Council Liaison to the Commission

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Skovholt called the meeting of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission to order at 4:01 p.m. on October 2, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Wicklund motioned to approve the October 2, 2007 agenda and the September 11, 2007, as well as the August 7, 2007 minutes. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INVITATION: Invitation to Interested Persons to Address the Commission on Matters Not on the Agenda** (Each speaker is limited to a five-minute presentation.)

None.

**BUSINESS:**

**Information Item: 2008-13 Regional Parks CIP as part of Metropolitan Council's Unified 2008-13 CIP - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferdud gave a PowerPoint presentation in response to a request from the September MPOSC meeting, providing a briefing on the 2008-13 Regional Parks CIP. His presentation included prioritized project lists from each park agency in compliance with the Commission's recommendations and Council action on structuring the regional parks CIP in May and June 2007.

Stefferdud noted that there will be a public hearing, held by the Council, on the unified capital improvement program.

This item was an information item only and no action was taken by the Commission.

**Request for Acquisition Opportunity Grant to partially finance the acquisition of Katarik parcel in Grey Cloud Island Regional Park and request for reimbursement consideration in future regional parks CIP for local match, Washington County - Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst-Parks**

Stefferdud gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the request from Washington County to partially finance the acquisition of the Katarik parcel in Grey Cloud Island Regional Park. He gave background explaining that Washington County has negotiated an acquisition of 8 acres (Katarik parcel) located in Grey Cloud Island Regional Park. The County is requesting \$182,094 to finance 40% of the cost to acquire the land from the Acquisition Opportunity Fund and also that the Metro Council consider reimbursing the County up to \$273,141 in a future regional parks CIP for its local match to this acquisition. The project is consistent with the requirements of the Acquisition Opportunity Fund and the reimbursement consideration policy.

It was moved by Wicklund and seconded by Jabs that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$182,094 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to partially fund the acquisition of the Katarik parcel in Grey Cloud Island Regional Park as shown on Attachment 3. The grant is financed as follows:

\$109,256 Environmental Trust Fund appropriation from 2007 in the State Acquisition Grant Account  
\$ 72,838 Metropolitan Council bond match  
\$182,094 Total Grant

2. Allow up to \$273,141 of the acquisition costs of the Katarik parcel to be eligible for reimbursement consideration in a future regional park CIP. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

Wicklund asked if this Commission was planning to have a future discussion regarding the land acquisition opportunity fund. Beckman stated that she is working with the Council's Finance Department on this and is not ready to bring it for discussion to this group at this time, but will in the future.

With no further discussion, **the motion carried.**

## **REPORTS**

Chair: Skovholt discussed volunteer work that he is doing on the Dedicated Funding Bill. He anticipates that it will be one of the first actions taken in the 2008 Legislature.

Staff: Stefferud stated that the November MPOSC meeting falls on Election Day and asked the Commission for an alternative day to meet. The Commission agreed to meet on November 13, 2007 rather than November 6.

Commissioners: Schmidt remarked that the CIP document was remarkably easy to understand.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 (**note date change**) at 4:00 p.m. in Robert Room LLA.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Skovholt adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. and the Commission then toured the Big Marine Park Reserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle, Executive Secretary

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