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Subject: Alper and Menz Amendment 2022-224 and 2022-225 for 7.6.2022 RE: Resolution to postpone

Com Alper and Menz,

We have received the resolution. We will place it as a possible amendment to both 2022-224 and 2022-225.

Best, jbr

Jennifer B. Ringold

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Please see attached for a clean version of the resolution.

Best,
Becky

Becky Alper

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From: Alper, Becky L. <BAlper@minneapolisparcs.org>

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Happy 4th! I can't remember if the amendment deadline is today or tomorrow at noon, so submitting this draft copy without all the changes excepted just to be absolutely certain of meeting the deadline. If I have additional time, I will submit a clean version later today when I am back at my computer.

This is submitted on behalf of myself and commissioner Menz.

Warm regards,
Becky

Becky Alper, District 3 Commissioner

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A Resolution to Postpone Action on Resolutions 2022-225 and 2022-224 until after the Commissioners Have Had a minimum of four study sessions to plan for stable funding of the MPRB Forestry Program for the coming decade

Whereas, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) has been the steward of Minneapolis parks and the urban forest since its founding in 1883, and

Whereas, the City Charter establishes planting and maintaining trees as a core function of the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, granting MPRB the power to establish, govern, administer and maintain the ornamental and shade trees in the City's streets, alleys and public grounds and ways; and

Whereas, today the MPRB manages the tree canopy including planting, pruning and tree removal on 200,000 boulevard trees along 1,100 miles of streets; 400,000 park trees on more than 6,000 acres of land; and trees on other public properties including police and fire stations, stormwater retention ponds, and Public Works facilities.

Whereas, from time to time, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis hire MPRB on specific tree-planting projects.

Whereas, the MPRB created the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission (MTAC) in 2004 with goals to “to report annually to the MPRB and City Council; to coordinate fiscal resources, and to explore new ways to acquire funds to increase support for urban forest establishment and management”.

Whereas, the MPRB is committed to setting specific and realistic goals for city-wide urban forest canopy coverage, shared publicly, with input from the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission to help meet the Ecological System Plan goal to Protect, Maintain, and Expand the Urban Forest, and

Whereas, during 2014-2021, the MPRB annually sought and received approval from the Board of Estimate and Taxation for a special property tax levy, known as the Tree Preservation and Reforestation Levy, to preserve and protect the urban tree canopy which including the removal and replacement of ash trees and replanting of trees lost during storms, which ranged in amounts from \$1.2 million to \$1.8 million a year; and

Whereas, in September 2018 when commenting on the City of Minneapolis 2040 Plan, the MPRB stated "MPRB is nearing the end of its canopy replacement plan and there may be a consideration at that time to eliminate this tree levy. MPRB strongly recommends an action step on the continuation of the tree levy beyond the EAB replacement plan, in order to fund critical programs and infrastructure to protect and enhance the urban forest." and

Whereas, except for leftover funds which will be expended and reported in 2022, the Tree Preservation and Reforestation Levy was allowed to retire in 2021 without evaluation; and

Whereas, with the Tree Preservation and Reforestation Levy, the MPRB has been planting approximately one tree for every one tree removed or lost; and

Whereas, on May 24, 2021 the board adopted its 2023-2026 Strategic Directions and Performance Goals, and Priority Strategies, which set a performance goal to “plant two trees for every tree removed on MPRB property and boulevards”.

Whereas, on July 21, 2021 the MPRB passed by a 5-4 vote Resolution 2021-231 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Green Minneapolis, aka the Fundraising Agreement, to collaborate on the establishment of a carbon offset program and its initial funding as a means of expanding and perpetuating Minneapolis’ urban forest and public tree canopy for an initial term of 3 years.

Whereas, in November 2021, two incumbent Commissioners and seven new Commissioners were elected to the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners, and

Whereas, at the Regular Board Meeting on June 15, 2022, the Board received an MPRB and Green Minneapolis Climate Resiliency Initiative Update consisting primarily of a presentation by Green Minneapolis discussing an altered arrangement though no background materials were provided; and

Whereas, at the June 15, 2022, the MPRB Administration and Finance Committee, members voted on and approved Resolution 2022-225, an agreement with Green Minneapolis to collaborate on a tree planting project, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Planting Project 21, and Resolution 2022-224 a Project Implementation Agreement with Green Minneapolis, MPRB Planting Project 2021; in actuality designating Green Minneapolis as the Project Manager for brokering carbon offset credits based on trees planted by MPRB during 2019-2021 and requiring MPRB involvement for 25 years, and

Whereas, the interim period for the entire Board to consider the Administration and Finance Committee recommendations on the Green Minneapolis contracts, from June 15th to July 6th included Father's Day, Juneteenth, Pride weekend, the 4th of July extended weekend, and the end of the school year for Minneapolis public school students and their families which restricted the part-time Commissioners' available time to perform due diligence on the proposed 25-year contracts.

Whereas, the 2022 budget for the MPRB Forestry Department is \$10,570,823.

Be It Resolved, That the MPRB Board of Commissioners postpone consideration of Resolutions 2022-225 and 2022-224 until after the Board has had a minimum of four (4) study sessions about

- 1) A baseline profile of the Forestry Department for the past 10 years including revenues, expenses, trees planted, trees removed, stumps removed and capital expenses/acquisitions;
- 2) Projected financial statements for the Forestry Department going forward 10 years with specific projected financial statements for at least 5 years; possible sources of revenue; possibility of restoring levy; cash flow projections for carbon offset credits by year for 10 years with alternate scenarios; other government program funding possibilities including federal and state; possible philanthropic funding; anticipated capital needs etc. looking at canopy goals, how public trees fit the goals, how many net trees planted a year needed for how many years.
- 3) An overview of carbon offset markets and guiding principles behind carbon credits; background on quality carbon offset projects from non-MPRB affiliated pro and con speakers; qualifications and detailed future plans of Green Minneapolis.

Be It Resolved, That MPRB requests the recommendations of the Minneapolis Tree Advisory Commission on future tree funding strategies.

This action is supported by the following goals and strategies in Parks for All, the MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036.

Goal 6: Strengthen Ecological Connections. Strategy 7: Develop a city-wide, equity-driven tree canopy preservation and enhancement program to mitigate urban heat island effects, improve air quality, ecological connections, habitat, the pedestrian experience, and evaluate for pollen impacts on human health.

Goal 7: Connect through communications and technology. Strategy 4: Educate staff and the community on critical issues facing the city and region, specifically:

- environmental and ecological issues,
- the benefits of, threats to, and care of the urban tree canopy....
- climate change impacts and resiliency.

Be It Resolved, That Commissioners will be encouraged to submit questions and these will periodically be distributed to all and posted for the general public as the MPRB