



Resolution 2023-111

RESOLUTION APPROVING A DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AND HENNEPIN THEATER TRUST FOR THE BDE MAKA SKA REFECTORY MURAL AT BDE MAKA SKA PARK WITHIN THE MINNEAPOLIS CHAIN OF LAKES REGIONAL PARK

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of Minneapolis Parks;

Whereas, The MPRB is authorized to contract with public and private entities;

Whereas, The MPRB operates park buildings and constructed surfaces to ensure park spaces are maintained with care and innovative practices;

Whereas, The MPRB Board of Commissioners approved the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan at the May 3, 2017 Board meeting;

Whereas, The MPRB Board of Commissioners approved the Concept Plan for the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Rebuild on May 19, 2021;

Whereas, The MPRB has been planning for a mural to be placed on the new Bde Maka Ska Refectory building, guided by the approved master plan and concept plan for the site;

Whereas, The Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) and Hennepin Theater Trust (HTT) are collaborating on "We Are Still Here," a multiyear partnership to bring large-scale, high-profile public artworks to the greater Twin Cities metro area through the matching of emerging Native artists with established Native arts mentors in an extended fellowship that promotes Native and Indigenous storytelling in the community;

Whereas, The MPRB and HTT will each pay NACDI 50% of the costs necessary to design and install the mural;

Whereas, The MPRB will own the mural once installed;

Whereas, The HTT has agreed to provide maintenance for 10 years with an option for renewal of this Agreement for the same period upon agreement of all parties; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by Parks for All, the MPRB Comprehensive Plan 2021-2036, under Goal 1: "Foster belonging and equity;"

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approves the Design, Installation and Maintenance Agreement with the Native American Community Development Institute and Hennepin Theater



Trust for the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Mural at Bde Maka Ska Park within the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park; and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder, Assistant Superintendent, Planning

DATE: 7 June 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING A DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE AND HENNEPIN THEATER TRUST FOR THE BDE MAKA SKA REFECTORY MURAL AT BDE MAKA SKA PARK WITHIN THE MINNEAPOLIS CHAIN OF LAKES REGIONAL PARK

BACKGROUND

This action considers an agreement for design, installation, and maintenance for a mural at the Bde Maka Ska Refectory at Bde Maka Ska Park. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is proposing the mural project in partnership with the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) and the Hennepin Theater Trust (HTT).

Approved in 2017, the Bde Maka Ska-Harriet Master Plan directs staff to “Reveal and interpret the natural and human history of the lakes. Expand interpretive programming around the lakes regarding Native American use and history of the area.” Additionally, through the Board’s approval of the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Concept Plan in 2021, the Board directed staff to “Reveal the Legacy: Provide space for performance, storytelling, art and interpretation focused on revealing the untold stories of this site’s cultural history and connecting to the current and future cultural landscape of the region.”

NACDI and HTT have an ongoing collaborative program called “We Are Still Here,” a multiyear collaborative partnership bringing large-scale, high-profile public artworks to the Hennepin Theatre District, the American Indian Culture Corridor and the greater Twin Cities metro area. This ongoing and evolving initiative seeks to match emerging Native artists with established Native arts mentors in an extending fellowship that creates a variety of public artworks that promote Native and Indigenous storytelling in the community.

The mural on the Bde Maka Ska Refectory building will serve as the capstone project for the emerging and mentor artists in the current round of the “We Are Still Here” program.

Through the Design, Installation and Maintenance Agreement (*Attachment A*), the MPRB and HTT will share equally the cost for the design and installation of the mural. The HTT will provide 10 years’ worth of mural maintenance as well through this agreement and the mural will be owned by MPRB upon completion.



Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the Design, Installation and Maintenance Agreement relative to form and legality.

Staff requests this resolution be brought to the full Board on the same night to maintain a project schedule allowing for mural completion before Winter 2023/24.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS

May 3, 2017	Resolution 2017-182: Accepting the Appointed Citizen Advisory Committee Recommendations and Approving the Calhoun/Bde Maka Ska - Harriet Master Plan as Amended by the 4/19/17 Planning Committee
May 19, 2021	Resolution 2021-217: Resolution Approving the Refectory Rebuild Concept Plan at Bde Maka Ska Park Within the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the Design, Installation and Maintenance Agreement with the Native American Community Development Institute and Hennepin Theater Trust for the Bde Maka Ska Refectory Mural at Bde Maka Ska Park within the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park.

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

Goal:

01. Foster belonging and equity

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Strategy:

02. Connect the stories of park history with the stories of today's park users, projects and staff, and promote them widely.

23. Share narratives and elevate voices beyond dominant cultural context through a public art and memorial collection, creative placemaking and cultural programs that reflect the diverse history and current cultural context of our city and park lands and that educates and employs community to increase public art offerings in our parks.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A: Bde Maka Ska Refectory Mural Design, Installation and Maintenance Agreement with NACDI/HTT



Jbr 6.7.2023.