Resolution 2017-105

Resolution Authorizing Minimum Forty-Five (45) Day Public Review and Comment Period Beginning January 18Th, 2017, for the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan

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

Whereas, The Board of Commissioners approved the formation of an appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Downtown Service Area Master Plan, and the CAC has completed its charge to provide design recommendations for neighborhood parks in the Downtown Service Area;

Whereas, MPRB staff and consultants have prepared the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan according to CAC recommendations and the community engagement process;

Whereas, Upon conclusion of the public review and comment period, staff will document all public comments, make appropriate plan modifications based on comments, and bring a recommended Master Plan to the Board of Commissioners for consideration; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate,” “Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs,” and “A safe place to play, celebrate, contemplate, and recreate;”

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners authorizes a minimum forty-five (45) day public review and comment period beginning January 18th, 2017, for the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan; 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: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: January 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Minimum Forty-Five (45) Day Public Review and Comment Period Beginning January 18Th, 2017, for the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan

BACKGROUND

This Board action considers opening a minimum 45-day public review and comment period beginning January 18, 2017, for the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan (DSAMP). The draft plan is not attached to this Board action. It will be made available on-line and at recreation centers and other venues on January 18, 2017. The procedure for ultimate plan approval is as follows:

1. Board of Commissioners takes action to open the comment period on an identified date at which time the draft document will be widely advertised for public availability. This Board action does not include a Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) staff presentation of the draft document.
2. During the public comment period, MPRB staff will present the draft document to the Board of Commissioners as a study item.
3. Upon conclusion of the public comment period, MPRB staff will gather and review all comments and make modifications to the draft document, if warranted.
4. Once MPRB staff updates to the document are complete, the revised draft plan, plus all public comments, will be attached to an action for the Board of Commissioners recommending approval of the document. MPRB staff will present the revised document and themes of public comments to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of approval. A public hearing will take place at that time.

The Downtown Service Area Master Plan is a written and graphic document intended to guide capital improvements in neighborhood parks located downtown within the boundaries of I-94, I-35W, Plymouth Avenue, and the Mississippi River over the next 20-30 years. The master plan document is a direct reflection of the recommendations of an appointed Steering Committee (Community Advisory Committee (CAC)), which met 10 times between December 2014 and February 2016, and extensive additional community engagement that included more than 90 events and 7 focus groups over the course of 10 months.

Upon conclusion of the public comment period, the plan will be updated based on public input received. The following community engagement is planned for the comment period:

- Public notification per the requirements of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Community Engagement policy and procedure;
- Advertisement of comment period through networks of the Steering Committee/CAC, neighborhood organizations, and project partners; and
- A PAC meeting to gather feedback from other MPRB staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorization of a minimum forty-five (45) day public review and comment period beginning January 18, 2017, for the Draft Downtown Service Area Master Plan.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan:

Vision Theme 1: Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate

Goal: Sound management techniques.
Goal: Residents and visitors enjoy and understand the natural environment
Goal: Expansion and protection of natural resources.

Vision Theme 3: Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs

Goal: Parks shape and evolving city.
Goal: Park facility renewal and development.

Vision Theme 4: A safe place to play, celebrate, contemplate, and recreate

Goal: Parks are safe and welcoming by design.

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