Resolution 2017-144

Resolution Accepting a Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) Grant Award in the Amount of $142,000 for Clean-Up of Contaminated Soils in Sheridan Memorial Park Located in the Above the Falls Regional Park

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of the Minneapolis park system;

Whereas, Hennepin County, via its Environmental Response Fund (ERF) Grant Program, provides funds to assist local government units within Hennepin County with clean-up of environmental contamination;

Whereas, In Fall 2016, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) submitted a grant application to the Hennepin County ERF Program for clean-up of contaminated soil discovered in the area of the proposed recreational development in Sheridan Memorial Park, located in the Above the Falls Regional Park;

Whereas, In January 2017, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners awarded the MPRB an ERF grant of $142,000 to clean-up contaminated soil as part of the construction of the Sheridan Memorial Park Improvements project; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions “Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs;”

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners accepts a Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grant award in the amount of $142,000 for clean-up of contaminated soils in Sheridan Memorial Park located in the Above the Falls Regional Park;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners agrees to enter into necessary and required agreements with Hennepin County for the specific purpose of implementing the grant; 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: Administration & Finance Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting a Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) Grant Award in the Amount of $142,000 for Clean-Up of Contaminated Soils in Sheridan Memorial Park Located in the Above the Falls Regional Park

BACKGROUND

This resolution accepts a $142,000 Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grant from Hennepin County to clean up contaminated soils in an area of Sheridan Memorial Park that is slated for construction of a playground and picnic facilities. Sheridan Memorial Park is located in Above the Falls Regional Park.

Project costs, including engineering and soil remediation, incurred after January 24, 2017 are eligible. Braun Engineering has performed the testing and investigation necessary to identify the contamination and assisted MPRB staff in applying for the ERF grant in the fall of 2016. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) on file for Sheridan.

This is the third ERF grant received for Sheridan Memorial Park. The first grant was helpful in the 2014 construction of the Veterans Memorial and the second was needed to dispose of contaminated soils disturbed by the construction of the East Bank Trail completed in 2016.

This grant will be used to prepare the site at Sheridan Memorial Park for the construction of a playground, a picnic shelter, and other related amenities. MPRB received a federal grant in 2015 of $500,000 for recreation development that required 100% matching local funds. With project soft costs (consulting, MPRB planning costs, historical and archeological studies) consuming almost a quarter of the project budget, the ERF grant will support a larger construction budget and a provide more complete project.

Acceptance of this grant will allow execution of the grant agreement, required before any work related to the ERF can commence.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends acceptance of a Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) grant award in the amount of $142,000 for clean-up of contaminated soils in Sheridan Memorial Park

located in the Above the Falls Regional Park.

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

Vision Theme 3:	Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs
Goal:	Parks shape an evolving city.
Goal:	Park facility renewal and development respects history and focuses on sustainability, accessibility, flexibility, and beauty.

HISTORY:

03/08/17	**Administration & Finance Committee**	**ADOPTED**

ATTACHMENTS:

- MPRB award letter (PDF)
- 2016 ERF Grant Agreement Sheridan Memorial Park (DOCX)

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