Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board

# Resolution 2020-154

## Resolution Approving the License Agreement with Yinghua Academy for the North Parking Lot and Use of Other Park Features at Northeast Athletic Fields Park

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) was created by the Minnesota Legislature in April 1883 and has the authority to manage and operate park facilities;

Whereas, MPRB owns and operates the Northeast Athletic Fields Park in Minneapolis, MN;

Whereas, The school formerly known as Putnam School and located at 1616 Buchanan Street NE was purchased from the Minneapolis School District in 2009 by Charter School Development Company for lease to Yinghua Academy (Yinghua);

Whereas, Yinghua is a charter school and shares the block with Northeast Park;

Whereas, Yinghua desires to use MPRB Northeast Athletic Fields Park north parking lot situated immediately west of the school's parking lot and other MPRB facilities and is willing to execute a License Agreement with the MPRB; 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 approves the License Agreement with Yinghua Academy for the north parking lot and use of other park features at Northeast Athletic Fields 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.

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TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: March 18, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the License Agreement with Yinghua Academy for the North Parking Lot and Use of Other Park Features at Northeast Athletic Fields Park

**BACKGROUND**

In 1970 the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) entered into a lease with Special School District #1 for property at 1615 Pierce Street Northeast, on which the MPRB built the former Northeast Recreation Center. The School District subsequently conveyed the property and the adjacent 1616 Buchanan Street Northeast property to Charter Schools Development Company (CSDC). CSDC has retained the Lease with Yinghua Academy (Yinghua), a charter school, for 1616 Buchanan Street Northeast.

Yinghua requests partial use of the MPRB parking lot located in the northern portion of Northeast Athletic Field Park. Additionally, Yinghua desires non-exclusive use of MPRB Northeast Athletic Field Park playground and athletic fields for its students and a once-per-year exclusive use of Northeast Athletic Field Park athletic fields. Last, Yinghua requests during the snowy seasons to remove snow piles onto parkland; this will increase student safety as they board and disembark from school transportation The License Agreement (*Attachment A*) outlines these MPRB park land uses along with the processes that make the partnership operate more smoothly.

Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the License Agreement as to form and legality.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the License Agreement with Yinghua Academy for the north parking lot and use of other park features at Northeast Athletic Field Park.

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

**Vision Theme 3:** Dynamic parks shape city character and meet diverse community needs.
**Goal:** Focused land management supports current and future generations.

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**HISTORY:**

**03/04/20** **Planning Committee** **TABLED**
**Next: 03/18/20**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ATTACHMENT A - Yinghua Academy - MPRB License Agreement (PDF)

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