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Resolution 2021-288

Resolution Approving License Agreement with Metropolitan Council for a Bus Shelter at Van Cleve 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, The MPRB owns and operates Van Cleve Park (Park);

Whereas, Metropolitan Council (Council) desires to construct a concrete pad and place a bus shelter on a portion the southeast corner of the Park;

Whereas, The MPRB is agreeable to construction of the bus shelter, as it will benefit park users; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approves a license agreement with Metropolitan Council for a bus shelter at Van Cleve 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: September 1, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving License Agreement with Metropolitan Council for a Bus Shelter at Van Cleve Park

BACKGROUND

Metropolitan Council (Council) operates and administers transit operations (via Metro Transit) in the seven-county metropolitan area. As part of a larger program of Route 3 improvements, the Council desire to construct a new bus shelter for the northwest corner of 15th Avenue SE and Rollins Avenue, on the southeast corner of Van Cleve Park. The shelter has been identified as part of broader planned Route 3 improvements. The improvement is proposed as part of Metro Transit's Better Bus Routes program, an initiative to improve the experience of riding local bus routes by reducing stops, improving accessibility, and providing more shelters. These changes will make transit trips faster, more comfortable, and more reliable.

The bus stop to the north, at the northeast corner of Van Cleve Park (Park), has a shelter and over 300 daily boardings. The bus stop to the south, under the railroad bridge, has over 100 daily boardings, but there is no space for a shelter due to a retaining wall. While Metro Transit prefers to install shelters in the public right-of-way, the existing sidewalk at this location does not allow enough room for a both a shelter and adequate pedestrian flow. In this neighborhood of high transit demand, the proposed shelter location poses a unique opportunity where a bus shelter could be accommodated behind the curb, improving comfort for a large number of existing riders while strengthening and emphasizing transit access to green space and parks programming.

This shelter implementation is consistent with the East of the River Park Master Plan adopted by MPRB in 2019. The plan calls for a transit plaza on the corner of 15th Avenue SE and Rollins Avenue, and calls for coordination "with Metro Transit on a new bus shelter near the Van Cleve Recreation Center with the potential for an artist designed shelter." While the proposal above does not have adequate funding to provide for a unique shelter design and fabrication process, this site remains a top priority for 2021 standard shelter implementation due to historic demand.

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) staff recommends license fees be waived as the Council's project confers great benefit to park users and park property by improving accessibility via providing affordable, safe, and accessible transportation to our Park.

The MPRB legal counsel has reviewed and approved the License Agreement as to form and legality.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving License Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for a bus shelter at Van Cleve 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.

HISTORY:

08/18/21 **Planning Committee** **ADOPTED**

ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT A - Bus Shelter License Agreemnt - Met Council - Van Cleve Park (PDF)

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