



**RESOLUTION #11-1**  
**Parks and Recreation System Plan**

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and City-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan calls for a system-wide review of facilities and available resources, and the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized this work as a 2010 work plan item, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation in collaboration with Hoisington Koegler Group Inc. have developed a new System Plan to guide future decisions as it relates to parks and recreation facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation developed the System Plan as a prepared response to a pattern of minimized financial resources, significant infrastructure repair/replacement needs, changes in recreation, changing demographics, and a desire to establish a road map for a sustainable, high performing 21<sup>st</sup> Century parks and recreation system, and

WHEREAS, The System Plan contains recommendations on recreation center buildings, parks, trails, parkways, natural areas, athletic fields, courts, and other recreation facilities. It also recommends new ways of partnering and delivering services, and

WHEREAS, Ten community meetings were held - five in May-June 2010 to gather input on system needs and priorities and five in November 2010 to obtain feedback on the Draft System Plan. Other input included e-mail, meetings with seniors, youth, and elected officials. An evaluation of all City parks, data from the 2007-08 Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Survey, the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan and the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Vision Plan were also used to shape the System Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends acceptance of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation System Plan, as an administrative action plan to guide and inform future decisions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a lengthy planning process has reinforced the Commission's recognition of the impact that local park and recreation facilities have to residents, and recommends that as any changes contained in the plan are implemented:

- 1) That further community engagement is required to define the site specific opportunities and details related to both facility and service changes.
- 2) That resources are prioritized for the site improvements that are proposed at locations where changes are recommended, anticipating that any reductions occurring absent the ability to follow through with alternate plans will not yield the service goals identified in the plan.

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Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on January 13, 2011:

Approved:

Yeas

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Nays

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Absent:

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Attested to by:



Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission