

RESOLUTION 11-14
Solar Array at 2279 Summit Avenue

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission (“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, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review any diversion or disposal of park property and present a recommendation to the Saint Paul City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, Department of Parks and Recreation, owns City parkway land, known as South Mississippi River Boulevard (MRB), between Cretin Avenue South and Summit Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Terrance Brueck and Kathryn Mitchell, owners of the residential property at 2279 Summit Avenue, are requesting diversion of the MRB Parkway as shown on the attached maps, photographs, pictures, and drawings, for the purpose of installing a thermal solar array that will stand approximately 12 feet high, 7 feet wide, and 26 feet long; accompanied by landscaping and a rain garden; and

WHEREAS, the solar array project is proposed to be built partially on parkland and will extend into the MRB right-of-way (ROW) approximately 12 x 7 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation informed the property owners that the Department was not supportive of the diversion; and

WHEREAS, the Commission believes that the diversion of parkland would not be in the best interests of the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission concurs with the staff recommendation, and recommends denial of the parkland diversion request, and,

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that no further action be taken by the City Council.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on November 9, 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



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