

RESOLUTION # 14-02
Downtown Children’s Play Area Name Selection

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 City owns a property at the southwest corner of Fourth Street and Sibley Street which was developed as a tot lot in 1995 and has been informally recognized as the Downtown Children’s Play Area or Lowertown Children’s Play Area; and

WHEREAS, the site went through a major renovation in 2012 and it was the desire of the Capitol River Council to give the park an official name; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to install signage that reflects an official name for the park and is used on City maps and location reference materials; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol River Council has reviewed names according to the criteria set forth in the Parks Commission Naming Policy, PC9; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol River Council has unanimously selected the name, “Depot Tot Lot”, as the name of the newly renovated park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department supports the name selection of “Depot Tot Lot”; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission endorses the proposal to officially name the park, located at the southwest corner of Fourth and Sibley Streets, the “Depot Tot Lot”.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on February 12, 2014:

Approved:	Yeas	—
	Nays	—
	Absent:	—

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Attested to by:

 Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Approval of a name selection, "Depot Tot Lot", for a new City park, formerly called "Downtown Children's Play Area or Lowertown Children's Play Area".

STAFF COMMENTS:

The park property was purchased and developed in 1995. The site has been informally called the Downtown Children's Play Area or the Lowertown Children's Play Area. There currently isn't any signage on the park that states the park name.

REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION:

Adopt Resolution 14-02 recommending the proposed name, Depot Tot Lot.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

During the renovation process of the park in 2012 there was a desire by the community members involved and the Capitol River council to formally name the park and include park signage. The CRC went through a process to select the name Depot Tot Lot. The name was chosen because of the park location across the street from the Union Depot and the park's transportation themed design.





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January 13, 2014

Kathleen Anglo
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Dear Kathleen,

Thanks to our partners at the City of Saint Paul, the renovation of the Children's Outdoor Play Space at the corner of Fourth and Sibley Streets was completed in 2012 and a "grand reopening" was held in September of 2012.

As part of that celebration, the CapitolRiver Council invited community members to suggest a new name for that park. We received a number of excellent suggestions and great input from the downtown community.

At the November 2012 Board of Directors meeting, the CapitolRiver Council Board voted unanimously to recommend the new name of "**Depot Tot Lot**" to the Department of Parks and Recreation for their consideration.

This well-used pocket park is cherished by the downtown community and will likely become increasingly popular as our residential population grows. We hope that the park can soon have a name that reflects its unique downtown location and charm!

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and please feel free to contact the CapitolRiver Council with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Martinez-Sones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Martinez-Sones
Director