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<b>DATE</b>	PROJECT NAME	PROPOSING AGENCY	PRESENTER
March 2			
4:30	Announcements; review process and TF schedule; questions. Sylvan Play Area and Field Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Brett Hussong
4:50	Frogtown Park and Farm Wilder Play Area	Parks and Recreation	Kathleen Anglo
5:00	Marydale Play Area	Parks and Recreation	Bianca Paz
5:10	Frost Lake Play Area Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Bryan Murphy
5:20	Dayton's Bluff Play Area Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Brett Hussong
5:30	Jimmy Lee Play Area	Parks and Recreation	Anne Gardner
5:40	May Park	Parks and Recreation	Anne Gardner
5:50	Henry Park Preliminary Design	Parks and Recreation	Don Varney
6:00	Highland Park Community Center (Hillcrest) Play Area	Parks and Recreation/Highland District Council	Alice Messer / Kathy Carru
6:10	Highland Park Community Center Fields	Parks and Recreation/Highland District Council	Alice Messer / Kathy Carru
March 9			
4:30	Announcements; questions.		
4:35	Jimmy Lee Upper Field	Parks and Recreation	Bryan Murphy
4:45	Linwood Field Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Bianca Paz
4:55	McMurray Field Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Bryan Murphy
5:05	Kellogg Mall Park Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Kathleen Anglo
5:15	Mears Park Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Don Ganje
5:25	Pedro Park	Parks and Recreation	Anne Gardner
5:35	Rice Park Revitalization	Parks and Recreation	Anne Gardner
5:45	Dickerman Park	Parks and Recreation	Ellen Stewart
5:55	Wacuouta Commons Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Dave Ronzani
6:05	Merriam Park Improvements	Parks and Recreation/Union Park District Council	Dave Ronzani
6:15	Wilder Recreation Center Improvements	Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services	Jim Erchul
Iarch 16			
4:30	Announcements; questions.		
4:35	Fire Station 7	Fire and Safety	John Swanson
4:45	Fire Station 17	Fire and Safety	John Swanson
4:55	Fire Station 20	Fire and Safety	John Swanson
5:05	Hamline Midway Library Modernization	Saint Paul Library	Tony Yang
5:15	Hayden Heights Library Modernization	Saint Paul Library	Tony Yang
5:25	Riverview Library Modernization	Saint Paul Library	Tony Yang
5:35	New Facility for Training, Special Investigative Task Force	Saint Paul Police	Sgt. Stacy Murphy
5:45	Maintenance Facility	Parks and Recreation	Jody Martinez
5:55	Highland Clubhouse Restoration	Parks and Recreation	Chris Stark
6:05	Historic Highland Pool Bath House Stabilization and Re-use Study	Parks and Recreation	Chris Stark
6:15	Victoria Park Restroom and Picnic Shelter	Parks and Recreation	Alice Messer
6:25	Changsha China Friendship Garden at Phalen Park	Payne-Phalen District 5 Planning Commission	Leslie McMurray
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4:35	City Real Estate Asset Management System	Saint Paul Real Estate	Michael Michaud
4:45	Palace Community Center Site Improvements	Parks and Recreation	Chris Stark/Kathleen Angle
4:55	Scheffer Recreation Center	Parks and Recreation	Chris Stark/Bianca Paz
5:05	Phalen and North Dale Refrigerated Ice Rink Modifications	Parks and Recreation	Bryan Murhphy
5:05	System Wide Signage	Parks and Recreation	Don Varney
	Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure	Parks and Recreation	-
5:25	Harriet Island River Walk	Parks and Recreation	Kathleen Anglo
5:35			Ellen Stewart
5:45	Como Park - Intersections and Crosswalk Modifications	Parks and Recreation	Bryan Murhphy
5:55	Conway Park - Heart of the D1 Community	District 1 Community Council	Betsy Leach
6:05	Event Center at Eastview	District 1 Community Council	Betsy Leach
6:15	Waterline to Conway Community Garden	District 1 Community Council	Betsy Leach
6:25	Circus Juventas Expansion	Circus Juventas	Dan Butler
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4:30	Announcements; questions.	St. Anthony Park Community Council	Surromo Minor de
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	Changing Lives, Building Futures Midway YMCA Capital Campaign	YMCA of Greater Twin Cities	Kerry Givens
4:45	Hamm Park Restoration	Dayton's Bluff Community Council District 4	Deanna Abbott - Foster
4:55			
4:55 5:05	Rondo Commemorative Plaza	Rondo Avenue, Inc.	Marvin R. Anderson
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#### PROPOSING AGENCY

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April 4 (Saturday)	Bus Tour, 8:30 a.m-12:30 p.m. Board bus at RiverCentre
April 6	NO TASK FORCE MEETING
April 7	ALL PROJECT SCORES DUE TO OFS

April 13 4:30

4:35

Announcements; questions. Discuss and rate projects

April 20	
4:30	Announcements; questions.
4:35	Review project ratings and make final recommendations

Project Title: - Sylvan Play Area and Field Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Brett Hussong

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - brett.hussong@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 800 Conway Street

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 6 Planning Council

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal seeks to refurbish the play area and athletic fields at Sylvan Park. The improvements include replacement any equipment which does not meet CPSC and ADA guidelines and to refurbish and reorganize the athletic fields according to today's uses. Additional site improvements may include walks, benches, and landscaping as necessary.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The play equipment at Sylvan was installed in 1994 (21 years old) and much of the equipment is in poor condition. In addition, revisions to CPSC and ADA guidelines have occurred since then which increases the noncompliance with safety standards and guidelines of the play area. The tot lot replacement list ranks this park in the top 9 for replacement due to various factors including age, safety, accessibility, and condition of the play area. According to the Play Area recommendations in the System Plan, there is a "playground service gap" directly north of Sylvan Park, justifying the need to upgrade the playground in an under-served area.

The Sylvan athletic fields have multiple uses including baseball, softball and turf sports (soccer, rugby, ultimate frisbee, lacrosse, etc) and the current condition and safety of the fields are inadequate for the amount of use. The athletic field's replacement list ranks this park in the top 5 for field replacement. The extents of the soccer field overlap

with the under-utilized ag-lime infields for softball. Possibly removing two softball fields, as suggested in the Parks and Recreation 2010 System Plan, will reduce safety concerns from overlapping use which leads to poor field conditions including erosion and compaction. In addition, the plan suggests that "flat turf areas have the greatest flexibility of use and adaptability to future needs".

Improving the park and fields will have multiple benefits over the next 25 years, including recreation, health and economic. For instance, improvements to the play area and fields, in combination with the Rice Street Small Area Plan, will benefit the neighborhood economically by encouraging rehabilitation and redevelopment in the neighborhood. The project will also preserve, beautify and increase the livability of the community through site improvements including public art, new park signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting. Finally, children will benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various park events which target multiple physical fitness activities. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, healthy community design is a direct benefit to children. Parks within a close proximity to homes encourage physical activity including walking and biking to and from a park. These healthy habits will hopefully become a fixture of daily life that can last a lifetime. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Healthy Places,

http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/children.htm)

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Due to the age and condition, Sylvan play area generally requires more time by maintenance staff to maintain. Refurbishing the play area, would reduce the number of hours required to repair or replace worn out, broken, or missing components. Also, the addition of components that meet current CPSC and ADA guidelines will reduce the number of potential injuries and provide accessibility for children of all abilities.

The athletic fields have multiple uses including baseball, softball and soccer. However, anecdotal evidence suggests a reduction in the demand for baseball/softball and an increase in demand for turf areas for sports such as soccer. Specifically, the neighborhood is home to Burmese refuges, which use the turf fields rather than the aglime softball infields.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Removal and replacement of the play area is required to address CPSC guidelines and refurbishment of the play area will return the play value to the play area.

Reorganization of athletic facilities will reduce overlap and conflicts between uses, thus increasing the overall safety of the park.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

There is no previous commitment for this project other than the Parks Department's commitment to upgrade all outdated play areas using a ranked list based on age, use, safety. The restoration of the play area would allow more children to benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various events which target multiple physical fitness activities.

The North End Community Council and neighborhood residents support the removal and replacement of the play area and reorganization/ restoration of the athletic fields to meet new field demands.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Improving the park and fields will have multiple benefits including recreation, health and economic. For instance, improvements to the play area and fields will benefit the neighborhood economically by encouraging rehabilitation and redevelopment in the neighborhood. The project will preserve, beautify and increase the livability of the community through site improvements including public art, new park signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting. As previously mentioned, children will benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various park events which target multiple physical fitness activities. (CDC)

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Refurbishing the play area would lead to a reduction in maintenance costs for the first few years and then begin to increase as the equipment ages and parts start to need replacement. Modern equipment can provide increased health of the users by offering a range of play events geared toward specific abilities. Sustainable products and practices would be utilized where possible creating reduction in the environmental impact of the play area.

Reorganization/renovation of the athletic fields is a priority action identified in the Parks and Recreation System Plan and suggests removal of two softball fields due to the North End District's demand for quality, flat turf areas.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

According to the 2008-2012 Minnesota Compass data, the demographics of the North End District consists of 63.6% people of color and 36.4% White. On average, this area is more diverse compared to the entire City of Saint Paul. The community also welcomes many Burmese Refuges that specifically use the Sylvan fields and play area. Finally, Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development compiled population counts within a half mile radius of Sylvan Park. The counts revealed that Sylvan Park has the highest number of children between 0-14 years (5,750) out of all parks submitting 2016-2017 CIB proposals.

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#### CF-0603421 Sylvan Play Area and Field Improvements

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	early Amour	nt (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	111	0	0	0	0	111
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	1,507	0	0	0	1,507
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	70	0	0	0	0	70
Design	CIB			0	98	0	0	0	0	98
Total:	Total: 0 279 1,507 0 0 0 1,786								1,786	

#### **Phase Summary**

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Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	111	0	0	0	0	111	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	1,507	0	0	0	1,507	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	100.0%
Design	0	98	0	0	0	0	98	100.0%
Total:	0	279	1,507	0	0	0	1,786	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	111	0	0	0	0	111	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	1,507	0	0	0	1,507	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	
	Design	0	98	0	0	0	0	98	
		0	279	1,507	0	0	0	1,786	100.0%
Total:		0	279	1,507	0	0	0	1,786	100.0%

Project Title: - Frogtown Park and Farm / Wilder Play Area

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651.266.6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Victoria and Van Buren

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 7 - Frogtown

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 1

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The City recently purchased 12.7 acres of property from the Wilder Foundation for a new park and farm. There was an existing play area on the site that served the nearby Wilder Co-op community. The City has had to remove some of the equipment due to safety violations and it does not meet accessibility guidelines. As part of the Frogtown Park and Farm community design process, the community preferred a nature based play area that is unique to Frogtown. It would provide an environmental based play experience not provided in any other park in Frogtown.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Importance: The existing play equipment does not meet existing CPSC guidelines for safety and does not meet accessibility guidelines. The equipment is close to 20 years old and quite a few of the play components have been removed due to safety concerns. This play area ranks fourth from the top of our play areas in need of replacement. The Frogtown neighborhood was shown to have the least amount of greenspace per capita in St. Paul as part of the 2010 Parks Systems Plan and a poverty level of 35% (2010 census information). The neighborhood relies heavily on public amenities such as parks. Of the 4 parks within the neighborhood, 3 are recreation and athletic programming based. The other park is a small neighborhood park. Frogtown Park and Farm would offer the only natural resource based play area in the community.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

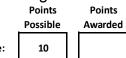
The project improves the functionality of the existing play area by replacing it with a nature based play experience. The existing play structure provides minimal play value due to removal of unsafe pieces of play equipment. A nature based play experience lets children explore through free play and discovery. Studies of outdoor experiences in natural areas show that natural outdoor environments produce positive physiological and psychological responses that reduce stress and give a general sense of well-being.

Points Points

Possible Awarded

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The project removes an existing play area that does not comply with CPSC guidelines.



Safety Concerns Score:

Project Importance Score:

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project has been a collaborative effort between the City and non-profits groups of Frogtown Farm and Trust for Public Land. Continued funding is needed to replace the existing play area with a new play space and create an accessible route from Victoria to the top of the hill on the site. This would be the second phase of development of the Frogtown Farm site. The first phase consists of initial development needs of the site such as utilities, vehicular access, pedestrian access, lighting, and earthwork.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The project significantly benefits the Frogtown neighborhood by providing a more natural space for kids to play that is not offered in any other park within the

neighborhood. It improves accessibility to nature and creates a more aesthetic park space that includes an accessible path, seating, and native plantings.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The project meets the need as stated in the 2010 Parks Systems Plan by creating additional park space in the designated "Park search area". The existing playground is outdated and has little play value. An improved safer facility will attract more neighborhood children and operating costs will increase over current operating funds for this site because it was only recently acquired and not previously Parks responsibility to maintain.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The Frogtown neighborhood has a total population of 17,234 people and 26% of the population is under the age of 14. It also has the largest share of households with children under the age 18 compared to all of the St. Paul neighborhoods. 35% of the neighborhood has income below the poverty level, compared with 22.8% city-wide. From the census data, the neighborhood is also highly diverse, where people of color comprise 79% of the population. The Frogtown neighborhood is served by the West Minnehaha Recreation center located 4 blocks away. The recreation center had over 60,000 attendees in 2013.

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### CF-0703102 Frogtown Park and Farm/ Wilder Play Area

Phase Detail           Fin         Start         End         Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	28	0	0	0	0	28
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	450	0	0	0	0	450
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Design	CIB			0	26	0	0	0	0	26
Total:				500	522	0	0	0	0	522

### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	100.0%
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	500	0	0	0	0	0	0 *	*****
Construction/Rehab	0	450	0	0	0	0	450	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	100.0%
Design	0	26	0	0	0	0	26	100.0%
Total:	500	522	0	0	0	0	522	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Construction/Rehab	0	450	0	0	0	0	450	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	
	Design	0	26	0	0	0	0	26	
		500	522	0	0	0	0	522	100.0%
Total:		500	522	0	0	0	0	522	100.0%

Project Title: - Marydale Play Area

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/ Bianca Paz

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1120 Dale St. N

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 6 Planning Council

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal seeks to renovate the play area at Marydale Park with the replacement and addition of play equipment that meets CPSC and ADA guidelines. The project will provide accessibility and safety measures with the appropriate resilient surfacing. This project will enhance the park's site features and will fill the family oriented activity needs of in the adjacent diverse neighborhood.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Marydale Park is located in a primarily single–family home neighborhood. Pedestrian access to the park is provided by trails coming from all directions. Most of the park is devoted to passive uses. The Park's main feature, Loeb Lake, is designated by the Minnesota Department of Resources as a children's fishing pond and has an ADA fishing pier.

Marydale Park was previously a hazardous area within the North End neighborhood that was transformed by community efforts that sought to restore the area and turn it into a natural recreational area. Current neighborhood residents have expressed interest in adding more reactional activities that match the natural landscape of the park and lake.

The recent update of the parking lot and the newly improved restroom facilities adjacent to the existing play area are great compliments for an improved play area.

Revisions to CPSC and ADA recommendations have occurred since the last play area update (2008) which increases the play area's noncompliance with safety standards and guidelines. For example, the sand surfacing doesn't provide an accessible route to play equipment. Upgrades to the play area will provide a safe place for the children to enjoy while visiting the park with their families.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Marydale play area is 36 years old; minor updates were completed in 2008. In the Tot Lot Facility Assessment Marydale Play Area ranked number 6 for replacement.

The improvement of the play area will provide a safer place for children's activities at the park and complement other designated children's activities like fishing and the trail connections.

> Points Points Possible Awarded **Project Importance Score:** 10

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

This project will address existing playground safety violations by replacing play equipment that does not meet current regulations.

> Points Points Possible Safety Concerns Score: 10

Awarded

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Community representatives have voiced the Neighborhood residents' interest in adding more reactional activities while keeping the natural landscape of the park and lake.

Points Possible	Points Awarded	1
10		

Demonstrated Support Score:

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the surrounding neighborhood by providing an up-to-date play area to compliment the adjacent child-designated fishing activities. The park will improve recreational opportunities and provide a safe place for children to play. Marydale play area is close to a Playground service gap area identified in the Parks System plan. Improving this small playground and adding a few more elements will help to serve more children in that area to help minimize the service gap. The features of the park, particularly the lake and the rolling landscape, offer an opportunity to provide a unique play experience. The use of public art and distinctive play equipment would enhance the park experience as well as the surrounded neighborhood.



Points Points Possible Awarded

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Marydale park play area renovation will improve upon a long term investment to the surrounding residents once the park has been upgraded to current playground standards. Marydale play area is close to a playground service gap area identified in the Parks System plan. Operating costs may increase slightly over time if the play area size is increased.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

This park serves around 28 % of the Asian population and 12% of Hispanics that live in the North End Neighborhood. School-age children (5-14) comprise 16% of neighborhood residents (2008-2012), slightly above the St. Paul Average (14%).

There are 4557 children in the age range of 0 to 14 years old, which is 21% of the total neighborhood population.

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#### CF-0603414 Marydale Play Area

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End			Yearly Amount (in thousands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	16	0	0	0	0	16
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	308	0	0	0	0	308
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	11	0	0	0	0	11
Design	CIB			0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Total:				0	350	0	0	0	0	350

### Phase Summary

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	308	0	0	0	0	308	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	100.0%
Design	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	100.0%
Total:	0	350	0	0	0	0	350	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	
	Construction/Rehab	0	308	0	0	0	0	308	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	
	Design	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
		0	350	0	0	0	0	350	100.0%
Total:		0	350	0	0	0	0	350	100.0%

Project Title: - Frost Lake Play Area Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Bryan Murphy

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1421 Hoyt Ave E

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 2 – Greater East Side

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal seeks to renovate the play area at Frost Lake Park. The improvements to the play area will include replacement of equipment and surfacing that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. Additional site improvements may include walks, benches, landscaping and other site amenities as necessary.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The current play area is 19 years old (built in 1995) and gets an enormous amount of use as it is a joint use site with Frost Lake Magnet (elementary) School. The play area currently ranks #3 on the Parks and Recreation play area ranking list due to various factors including age, safety, accessibility, and condition of the play area. Since the last reconstruction of the play area, revisions to CPSC and ADA guidelines have resulted in an increased number of elements of the play area that do not meet current standards and guidelines.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project Due to the age and condition, Frost Lake Play Area generally requires more time by maintenance staff to maintain. Refurbishment of the play area, would reduce the number of hours required to repair or replace worn out, broken, or missing components. Also, the addition of components that meet current CPSC and ADA guidelines, will reduce the number of potential injuries and provide accessibility for children of all abilities.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

A number of play equipment components have been removed over the years due to damage or non-compliance with CPSC or ADA guidelines. This has left the play area with less play value than it once had. Refurbishment of the play area will return the play value to the play area.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to upgrading all outdated play areas using a ranked list of all Saint Paul Play areas based on age, use, safety, etc.

St. Paul's District 2 is supportive of the play area replacement project and particularly interested in how the wooded area adjacent to the play area can be integrated as a natural play area.

	Possib
Demonstrated Support Score:	10



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Restoration of the play area at Frost Lake Park will provide safe and attractive play value for the neighborhood and school. Currently, families of all ages visit the park for various recreation activities. While the older members of the families play volleyball, kato, and soccer on the athletic fields, the younger children will utilize the play area.

The balance of recreation opportunities at Frost Lake promotes an active lifestyle and restoration of the play area will ensure that will continue for 20+ years.

The use of public art combined with updated play equipment would improve the play experience and enhance the surrounded neighborhood

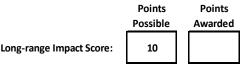


5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Restoration of the play area would lead to a reduction in maintenance costs, at least in the initial years and provide increased health of the users. Sustainable products and practices would be utilized where possible creating reduction in the environmental impact of the play area.

Frost Lake is identified in the Parks and Recreation System Plan as a potential site for out-of-school time recreation and enrichment programs.

Saint Paul System Plan recommends monitoring areas where public school play areas fill the services need. Frost Lake Play area responds to a demand for child recreational services in the surrounding communities. The playground improvement will keep serving the diverse neighborhood residents with a safe and vibrant play experience for kids and families.



### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The play area is a joint use facility with Frost Lake Magnet (elementary) School so hundreds of kids utilize the play area on a daily basis during recess.

The play area serves around 69% of people of color in the Greater East Side Neighborhood. The second larger group by race after the White group (41%) is the Asian group with 24% of the neighborhood population.

School-age children (5-14) comprise 17% of neighborhood residents (2008-2012), slightly above the St. Paul Average (14%).

Kids under 5 years old are 11% of the neighborhood compare to 8% of St. Paul average for the same age group.

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#### CF-0203408 Frost Lake Play Area Improvements

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	28	0	0	0	0	28
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	316	0	0	0	0	316
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	17	0	0	0	0	17
Design	CIB			0	24	0	0	0	0	24
Total:				0	385	0	0	0	0	385

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amount	inds)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	316	0	0	0	0	316	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	100.0%
Design	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	100.0%
Total:	0	385	0	0	0	0	385	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	
	Construction/Rehab	0	316	0	0	0	0	316	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	
	Design	0	24	0	0	0	0	24	
		0	385	0	0	0	0	385	100.0%
Total:		0	385	0	0	0	0	385	100.0%

Project Title: - Dayton's Bluff Play Area Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Brett Hussong

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - brett.hussong@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 800 Conway Street

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 4 – Dayton's Bluff

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal seeks to refurbish the play area at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Area and replace any equipment which does not meet CPSC and ADA guidelines. The addition of synthetic resilient surfacing will provide both accessibility and safety measures to the new play area. Additional site improvements may include walks, benches, and landscaping as necessary.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The play equipment at Dayton's Bluff was installed in 1999 (16 years old) and much of the equipment is in poor condition. In addition, revisions to CPSC and ADA guidelines have occurred since then which increases the noncompliance with safety standards and guidelines of the play area. The tot lot replacement list ranks this park as the 2<sup>nd</sup> top replacement due to various factors including age, safety, accessibility, and condition of the play area.

Play areas have multiple benefits, including overall neighborhood livability, recreation, health and economic. For instance, the play area, in combination with the ongoing renovation of businesses on West Seventh Street and the Fourth Street Preservation project, will benefit the neighborhood economically by encouraging rehabilitation and redevelopment in the neighborhood. In addition, the project will preserve, beautify and increase the livability of the community through site improvements including public art,

new park signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting. Children also benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various park events which target multiple physical fitness activities. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Healthy Places, http://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/healthtopics/children.htm)

The play area is a vital feature for the neighborhood because it is located adjacent to Dayton's Bluff Elementary School and Recreation Center. The recreation center is a hub of activity that has continued programming through Parks and Recreation. Finally, no other city park is located within a 6-7 block radius and the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan identifies a "service area gap" directly east of the park, justifying the need to upgrade the playground in an under-served area.

This project would be completed in one phase and construction would be coordinated with the Parks and Recreation programming.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Due to the age and condition, Dayton's Bluff play area generally requires more time by maintenance staff to maintain. Also, the addition of components that meet current CPSC and ADA guidelines will reduce the number of potential injuries and provide accessibility for children of all abilities.

The play area is a highly used feature in the community because of its proximity to Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, Dayton's Bluff Elementary school, and surrounding day care centers. As a result, this park satisfies a high recreational demand and serves a more diverse population.

Finally, the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan identifies a "service area gap" directly east of the park, justifying the need to upgrade the playground in an under-served area.

Points Points Possible Awarded

10

Project Importance Score:

Awarded

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Removal and replacement of the play area is required to address CPSC guidelines and refurbishment of the play area will return the play value to the play area.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

There is no previous commitment for this project other than the Parks Department commitment to upgrade all outdated play areas using a ranked list of all Saint Paul Play areas based on age, use, safety.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council and neighborhood residents support the removal and replacement of the play area.

> Points Possible 10 **Demonstrated Support Score:**



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Park improvements have multiple benefits that will serve the community for the next 25 years, including recreation, health and economic. For instance, the play area, in combination with the ongoing renovation of businesses on West Seventh Street and the Fourth Street Preservation project will benefit the neighborhood economically by attracting new business and residents. The project will preserve, beautify and increase the livability of the community through site improvements including public art, new park signage, landscaping and pedestrian lighting. As previously mentioned, children will benefit from an active lifestyle by providing various park events which target multiple physical fitness activities. (CDC)



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability · Project provides tangible return on investment · Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Refurbishing the play area would lead to a reduction in maintenance costs for the first few years and then begin to increase as the equipment ages and parts start to need replacement. Modern equipment can provide increased health of the users by offering a range of play events geared toward specific abilities. Sustainable products and practices would be utilized where possible creating reduction in the environmental impact of the play area.

The enhancement of public space is identified in the Dayton's Bluff District 4 Vision Plan. Specifically, one strategy states, "promote the use of park and recreation facilities by including signage to identify park locations, park information in multiple languages, and park hours". This strategy overlaps with future improvement goals listed above in "4) Community Benefits" of this CIB proposal.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

According to the 2013 Saint Paul Recreation Center Attendance, Dayton's Bluff was the 6<sup>th</sup> most visited recreation center with 104,524 visits. It is a significant hub of activity for the neighborhood with continued programming through Parks and Recreation.

According to the 2008-2012 Minnesota Compass data, the demographics of Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood consists of 57.9% people of color and 42.1% White. In addition, 93% of students attending the adjacent elementary school identify themselves as non-Caucasian and on average; this area is more diverse compared to the entire City of Saint Paul.

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#### CF-0403406 Dayton's Bluff Play Area Improvements

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	29	0	0	0	0	29
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	328	0	0	0	0	328
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Design	CIB			0	25	0	0	0	0	25
Total:				0	400	0	0	0	0	400

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amount	t (in Thousa				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	328	0	0	0	0	328	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	100.0%
Design	0	25	0	0	0	0	25	100.0%
Total:	0	400	0	0	0	0	400	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	
	Construction/Rehab	0	328	0	0	0	0	328	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	
	Design	0	25	0	0	0	0	25	
		0	400	0	0	0	0	400	100.0%
Total:		0	400	0	0	0	0	400	100.0%

Project Title: - Jimmy Lee Play Area

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-244-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1063 Iglehart Ave (Oxford & Iglehart Ave)

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 8 – Summit-University

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 1

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Removal and replacement of existing play equipment and parking lot improvements located at the Oxford/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center, including associated parkland enhancements. This project also includes investigation and site cleanup required if contamination is found. This is likely due to the proximity to the improved Jimmy Lee Recreation Fields, where extensive contamination was found during Field reconstruction in 2011. Play area enhancements include resilient surfacing to meet ADA compliance installed under new play equipment, equipment replacement, and other site amenities such as seating and landscaping. The most recent improvements to the play area were over 19 years ago, in 1995.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The systems plan recognizes the significance of the Oxford/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center as an important community facility which offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including the play area space. The center is centrally located in a lower mobility area and attracts numerous park users from the surrounding community as a hub of activity. The play area is adjacent to the newly renovated athletic fields and also to the historic Jimmy Lee Recreation Center building, where a teen program, The Loft: Summit University Teen Center, is housed. The play area is over 19 years old. It is ranked number 1 of play areas to be replaced due to safety, access, and existing condition of the park facilities. The renovation of the play area also creates the opportunity to address the contamination that most likely exists well below the existing play area, though contamination does not pose a risk until the ground is excavated.

This project will replace the existing play equipment that is inaccessible to those with disabilities and does not meet current CPSC playground safety standards.

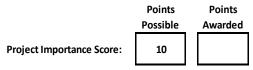
The recreation center and park serves a significant portion of the surrounding population. Single family and multi-family homes are adjacent to the park space on the East side. The Jimmy Lee/Oxford Community Center are located directly to the west of the play space, where the Great River Indoor Water Park is located. The play area is an existing asset to the community that requires improvement and updating to meet current standards.

The play area is located in a residential neighborhood of Saint Paul where the number of school age children is around 3,925 according to US Census data and 23.3% of households have children under the age of 18 which is similar to the city wide percentage (25.3%). 48% of the households have an income less than \$35,000.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will preserve and improve an existing neighborhood asset. Recent improvements to the Jimmy Lee field in 2011 have drawn more individuals to the facility and play area, as staffs have seen an increase of 30-40%. The field is programmed spring, summer and fall and draws families to events. The play area benefits those not participating in a field sport and strategic placement of seating in the play area will allow for better field viewing. A nearby school, Higher Ground Academy, also uses the play area for physical education classes.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Yes, this project will address existing playground safety violations by removing play equipment that does not meet current regulations. Any contamination found will be addressed or removed to protect the users of the park. Site improvements will improve safety, enhance pedestrian connections within the neighborhood, and update the parking area to include stormwater treatment.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This recreation center and neighborhood recently experienced major upgrades to the building and the athletic fields including removal of contamination on site and implementing synthetic turf surfacing to create a state of the art athletic field and facility. Improvements to the play area are necessary to would complement and enhance this recent investment.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the surrounding neighborhood by providing an up-to-date neighborhood park. The improvement will provide a community gathering place, recreational opportunities, and will be safe place for children to play in keeping with the goal of providing opportunities for an active lifestyle for residents. New and improved equipment will entice more families to use the space and for longer periods of time. The more play area 'options" for youth would allow a wider age range of youth to take advantage of the space. For youth in this community that are not involved in youth athletics, the play area provides another way for them to get physical activity and play.



Points Awarded

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Jimmy Lee Recreation Center Play Area will provide a long term investment to the surrounding residents once the park has been upgraded to current playground standards.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

- Currently, the Jimmy Lee/Oxford Recreation Center has the highest recorded attendance in Saint Paul with a total of 343,364 annual visits and has had a continuous rise in attendance since 2008. The play area is directly adjacent to the center.
- According to the Wilder Foundation data, the population in this neighborhood in 2008-2012 has decreased by 8% from 2000. Based on the Wilder Foundation demographic data, the population is 45% white, 34% Black, 5% Hispanic, 12% Asian and 3% two or more races.
- Within the 1 mile service area of the play area, 31% of the population are school age children ages 0-19, making up 1 third of the neighborhood population. The play area and recreation center is a significant asset to this neighborhood.

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#### CF-0803124 Jimmy Lee Play Area

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	34	0	0	0	0	34
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	515	0	0	0	0	515
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	21	0	0	0	0	21
Design	CIB			0	21	0	0	0	0	21
Total:				0	600	0	0	0	0	600

### **Phase Summary**

		,	Yearly Amount	( in Thousa	ands)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	34	0	0	0	0	34	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	515	0	0	0	0	515	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	100.0%
Design	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	100.0%
Total:	0	600	0	0	0	0	600	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	s)					
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	34	0	0	0	0	34	
	Construction/Rehab	0	515	0	0	0	0	515	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	
	Design	0	21	0	0	0	0	21	
		0	600	0	0	0	0	600	100.0%
Total:		0	600	0	0	0	0	600	100.0%

Project Title: - May Park

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

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Phone Number: - 651-244-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 816 Clayland Pl. (Clayland Pl. & Clayland St.)

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 11 – Hamline Midway

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The project includes removal of existing play equipment, possible replacement with a smaller or modified play area, and improvements to the multi-purpose turf field located at May Park, including associated parkland enhancements. Enhancements of the park will be discussed with a community design advisory committee to determine the preferred style of the play area as well as naturalized landscaping, improved circulation around the park, and improvements to the multi-purpose turf field. If it's determined a play area is needed, improvements to it will replace the play equipment constructed in 1987 and it will meet current ADA and CPSC standards.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Park Systems plan suggests that this space should be considered for "enhancement to create recreation or access to Nature." May Park play area is over 25 years old. It is ranked number 5 out of 76 play areas to be replaced due to safety, access, and existing condition of park facilities. The existing play equipment is inaccessible to those with disabilities and does not meet current CPSC playground safety standards. The open, multi-purpose field also needs to be rehabilitated to continue to be an open green space and community gathering area. The renovation will be completed in one construction phase.

The park is a small area (0.81 acres) nestled within a neighborhood where numerous homes face the play area and turf field. Recent RSVP improvements have been made in this area so a renovation to the park would complement the public works investment. Though there are other nearby parks (Newell Park), this is an existing asset to the community that requires improvement and updating to meet current standards.

The play area is located in a residential neighborhood of Saint Paul where the number of school age children is around 2,254 (3% of St. Paul's school age population) according to US Census data and 25% of households have children under the age of 18.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will preserve and improve an existing neighborhood asset. There are two large oak trees on site that are experiencing soil compaction due to the play area location. To preserve and protect these trees, any new park amenities such as a play area should be located away from the root zones, yet still take advantage of the tree canopy.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Yes, this project will address existing playground safety violations by removing play equipment that does not meet current regulations. A new sidewalk along the north end of the park will enhance pedestrian connections within the neighborhood and to Fairview and will enhance public safety.

May Park will benefit the surrounding neighborhood as a community gathering space and has potential to provide a naturalized park experience. The long term investment of the park renovation will benefit the community with improved landscaping, a smaller and more naturalized play area, improved circulation around the park, and an improved multi-purpose field.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This neighborhood recently experienced upgrades to the street through the RSVP program and improving the play area would complement this recent investment.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the surrounding neighborhood by providing an up-to-date neighborhood park that will provide a community gathering place, recreational opportunities, and will be safe place for children to play and enjoy a natural setting within an urban environment.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded	
Community Benefit Score:	10		

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Enhancements to May Park Play Area will update a current asset as a greenspace and community gathering area. Improvements to the park will be a long term investment that will benefit the surrounding residents and strengthen the community in social and economic ways. Upgrades will reduce operating costs by replacing with new equipment that does not require improvements.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

- According to the Wilder Foundation data, the population in this neighborhood in 2008-2012 has <u>increased</u> by 8% from 2000.
- Based on the Wilder Foundation demographic data, the population is 72% white, 16% Black, 6% Hispanic, 3% two or more races, and 2% Asian.
- Within the 1 mile service area, 25% of the population is ages 0-19.

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#### CF-1103129 May Park Play Area

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	14	0	0	0	0	14
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	218	0	0	0	0	218
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Design	CIB			0	13	0	0	0	0	13
Total:				0	254	0	0	0	0	254

### Phase Summary

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	218	0	0	0	0	218	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	100.0%
Design	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	100.0%
Total:	0	254	0	0	0	0	254	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	
	Construction/Rehab	0	218	0	0	0	0	218	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	
	Design	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	
		0	254	0	0	0	0	254	100.0%
Total:		0	254	0	0	0	0	254	100.0%

Project Title: - Henry Park Preliminary Design

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 CHA, 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Don Varney

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 2088 Batavia at 2120 Skyway Drive.

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 1 – Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek, and Highwoods Hills

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

In 2008, 11 acres of prime woodland property overlooking the Mississippi River was added to the St. Paul Park system with State Bond funds. The full potential and best use for this land will begin with careful site analysis, design development and phase I construction to secure, stabilize and protect the park's assets.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Henry Park has remained an underused resource since its acquisition in 2008 and will remain so until it's most suitable use is investigated through a detailed analysis and community based planning process. This proposal seeks funding to plan for and begin construction necessary to establish the park's best use. First by engaging in a community planning process with the goal of understanding what Henry Park should become and how it can be improved as both an environmental and a recreational resource for the residents of St. Paul. This funding will then be used to provide the initial park infrastructure required to utilize the site's inherent qualities.

Preparation of a park plan will begin a phasing plan and cost estimate which will prioritize the first steps in park development. This 1st phase funding will also be used to continue removal of invasive, exotic species, install a park sign, fencing to establish the park boundary and increase visitor safety. As part of the Great River Passage planning, Henry Park was recognized as an environmental asset, an important element for

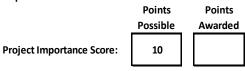
adjacent bluff protection and a resource for a future bluff trail. The true potential for the public use of the park will remain unknown until further analysis can be done. The intrinsic qualities and opportunities for use of the parcel need to be investigated and considered within the context of the park system needs and balanced with the preservation of the sustainable, ecological benefits it provides.

This site investigation and a community collaborative planning process is a necessary first step toward suitable development of this valuable resource. Initial site development is included based on first phase planning guidance. This first phase of development will create the infrastructure framework and foundation for future phases. The primary concerns, meeting safety needs and stabilizing sensitive areas, will be addressed, followed by efforts to maintain and preserve ecological integrity and continue efforts to add features for sustainable public use of the park.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Henry Park is adjacent to a portion of the Mississippi River bluff that is very steep and potentially highly susceptible to soil erosion. Preliminary Investigation and erosion control assessment and incorporation of bluff protective measures and bluff stabilization is essential. This critical development is required prior to any increase in public use. An inventory and survey of environmental assets will be included to identify and provide protective measures to any threatened or endangered species on the site.



## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Due to its proximity to the nearby river bluff, park visitor safety is a consideration. Development planning and the addition of a park entry and site circulation and fencing will be among the means of insuring safety for users. Preliminary planning and implementation of the first stage should occur before additional public visitation is encouraged.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Purchase of the project property was supported by the community and was considered critical since the parcel was under consideration for development that would have likely erased some of the environmental value of the landscape. Great River Passage Master Plan incorporates Henry Park into the river park system both as an environmental keystone and as a place holding resource for the future development of a bluff bicycle and pedestrian trail. Since its purchase, several buildings have been removed, other garbage and debris has been removed and invasive species removal efforts have been initiated, otherwise action on the site has been limited.

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Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

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4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving guality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

First and foremost, Henry Park is a prime natural area that also provides bluff protection, wildlife habitat, and scenic views of the river valley. To make the best use of this valuable addition to our park system, the analysis, planning and initial infrastructure implementation must occur soon. Only when this preliminary work is completed can the park's other community benefits follow. Once the park is prepared to invite the public in, with adequate signage, trails, lighting and a parking strategy, the benefits to the entire system will include; environmental education opportunities, habitat and bluff preservation, public art venue, improved visitor safety.

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Community Benefit Score:	10

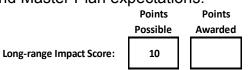
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5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Typically park acquisitions are followed by assessment and planning as a means to gaining a deeper understanding of the property's significant elements and how it best contributes to the park system. Henry Park was identified in the Great River Passage Master Plan as an important river related park asset which will, when further investigated and developed with this funding, contribute to achieving the master plan's goals. Annual operating costs will be better understood and anticipated in future budgets if the early implementation process considers these costs and targets low cost, sustainable goals that also meet park system needs and Master Plan expectations.



Section D – Additional Information 1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

One Mile Service Area demographic information.

	TOTAL POPULATION	AGE 0-14	%	AGE 15- 19	%
Henry Park	6,992	1,603	23%	886	13%

This neighborhood is one of the oldest in the city and the careful first steps in the development of this park represents a commitment to protecting and providing public access to valuable natural areas throughout the city.

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#### CF-0102906 Henry Park Preliminary Design

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)					
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	0	30	0	0	0	30
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	186	0	0	0	186
Design	CIB			0	0	30	0	0	0	30
Total:				0	0	246	0	0	0	246

#### **Phase Summary**

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Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	186	0	0	0	186	100.0%
Design	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	100.0%
Total:	0	0	246	0	0	0	246	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	<b>t</b> ( in thousand	s)			
Code Phase	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	186	0	0	0	186	
	Design	0	0	30	0	0	0	30	
		0	0	246	0	0	0	246	100.0%
Total:		0	0	246	0	0	0	246	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Highland Park Community Center (Hillcrest) Play Area

Proposing Agency or Group: - Highland District Council & Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 1978 Ford Pkwy

Contact Person: - Kathy Carruth, Jody Martinez, Alice Messer

Phone Number: - 651-695-4005 / 651-266-6424

Email Address: - hdc@visi.com / Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1978 Ford Parkway

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 15 - Highland

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 3

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Removal of existing play equipment and installation of a new play area that accommodates separate 5-12 year old play area and 2-5 year old play area with resilient surfacing and additional site amenities.

## <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Hillcrest Play Area was constructed in 1994 and is over 20 years old. It does not meet current CPSC guidelines and accessibility issues required of a play area.

This play area is located in the heart of Highland Park and is well loved by the community. It is adjacent to the newly renovated Highland Park Community Center, which already has a high volume of usage, and with the newly renovated library usage will greatly increase. St. Paul Parks and Recreation also utilizes the adjacent fields for extensive programming, and there are several area child care centers, as well as two elementary schools within a few blocks radius.

A new play area at the Highland Park Community Center will provide a safe place for children in the community to play outdoors and meet the needs of the community.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

As described above, the Hillcrest Play Area is a play area in extraordinary high demand. This project will create an asset that is not only functional, but meets the needs of a neighborhood. The project will address storm water issues that are currently occurring on the existing play area.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

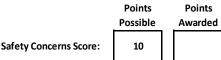
## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The City is committed to removal and replacement of play areas as needed. This project has been proposed in previous cycles and was selected for funding by the CIB in the last cycle. The project was removed from the mayor's budget, however, so it was never completed.

In its current condition the playground is unsafe and unsuitable for children. It does not meet accessibility guidelines.

Due to the age of the playground, replacement of equipment is no longer feasible.

Demand on the play area will increase dramatically now that the new Highland Community Center Library is constructed. Removal and replacement is required to address CPSC safety guidelines.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The City is committed to removal and replacement of outdated play areas annually. This project has been proposed in previous cycles and was selected for funding by the CIB in the last cycle. The project was removed from the mayor's budget and was never completed.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project significantly benefits the entire neighborhood and has been ranked very highly by the Highland District Council. A new play area will create a safe place for children in the neighborhood to play and will serve the community for another 25 years.

Possible Community Benefit Score: 10



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The new playground that meets safety guidelines will reduce maintenance costs significantly. New play areas typically do not require increased annual maintenance unless they have increased significantly in size but over time, as parts give way, maintenance costs will rise.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The following is estimates of play area usage at HPCC:

Summer (June-August)

Weekdays: 350/per day Weekends: 100/per day

Usage By: HPCC S'more Fun day camp program Area daycares Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events

Fall (September-October) and Spring (April-May)

Weekdays: 600/per day Weekends: 50/per day

Usage By: Highland Catholic School – daily recess and gym classes Area daycares Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events

Winter (November-March) Weekdays: 400/per day Weekends: 10/per day

Usage By: Highland Catholic School – daily recess and gym classes

Area daycares

Family's attending HPCC sporting games and/or library events

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#### CF-1503122 Highland Park Community Center (Hillcrest) Play Area

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	28	0	0	0	0	28
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	388	0	0	0	0	388
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Design	CIB			0	25	0	0	0	0	25
Total:				0	459	0	0	0	0	459

#### **Phase Summary**

	- · · ·	Y	early Amount	( in Thousar	( in Thousands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	100.0%	
Construction/Rehab	0	388	0	0	0	0	388	100.0%	
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	100.0%	
Design	0	25	0	0	0	0	25	100.0%	
Total:	0	459	0	0	0	0	459	100.0%	

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	s)					
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	28	0	0	0	0	28	
	Construction/Rehab	0	388	0	0	0	0	388	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	
	Design	0	25	0	0	0	0	25	
		0	459	0	0	0	0	459	100.0%
Total:		0	459	0	0	0	0	459	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Highland Park Community Center Fields

Proposing Agency or Group: - Highland District Council and City of St. Paul Parks

Proposer's Address: - 1978 Ford Parkway, Saint Paul, MN 55116

Contact Person: - Kathy Carruth and Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-695-4005

Email Address: - hdc@visi.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1978 Ford Parkway

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 15 - Highland

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 3

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal includes the development of an artificial turf athletic field at the Highland Park Community Center. Site improvements will include storm water management features and landscaping.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Highland Park Community Center currently has an athletic field that is used for both baseball and soccer. The area is adjacent to the newly renovated Community Center, which includes the Highland Park branch library. It is a significant hub of activity with continued programming through Parks and Recreation throughout the spring, summer and fall. Current usage is estimated at over 100,000 and there are generally wait lists for programming on the fields.

The condition of the current field area is inadequate for the amount of use from the community and is unsafe for use due to the rocky soil and water runoff issues. The Community Center is centrally located in Highland Park and in addition to the community center adjacent to the field, there are two elementary schools within blocks, and many child care centers.

**Project Importance Score:** 

In 2013, Hillcrest Recreation Center was the 2<sup>nd</sup> most visited recreation center in Saint Paul with 266,655 visitors. However, the existing field was ranked in the top 5 for replacement.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

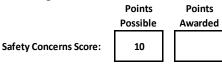
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The field at the Highland Park Community Center is unsafe and inadequate for the needs of the community. This project will improve the fields so they are a safe asset that meets the Parks and Recreation programming needs of the surrounding community.

Points Points Possible Awarded

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The field is unsafe in its current condition. Much of the Parks and Recreation programming at this location is aimed at young children (ages 3+) and they are playing on fields that are packed dirt in many areas, with rocks at or right below ground level. Additionally, the water table is very high in the area and storm water runoff is a concern. Parts of the field easily flood and the runoff poses a safety concern for adjacent streets, particularly during times of overnight temperatures near freezing.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

St. Paul Parks and Recreation is committed to maintaining a new field at the Highland Park Community Center and can do so within its existing budget. The community greatly supports a new field, as is evidenced by this joint proposal between the Highland District Council and St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The city will benefit by having a field that will allow for safe use for expanded Parks and Recreation programming and improves the quality of life and livability for our community.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

St. Paul Parks and Recreation has ranked the Highland Park Community Center fields in its top five worst fields. The department would maintain a new artificial turf field in a similar manner to the McMurray athletic fields, the Oxford Community Center fields, and the Rice and Arlington Sports Complex.

	Points		Points
	Possible	/	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10		

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Hillcrest sports are a major segment of usage. Between June and August, six weeks of T-Ball are played. During this period, we usually have 8-12 teams of 10-12 children who play ball ranging from age 3 to age 6. The total participant attendance ranges from **500 – 850** and in addition parent spectators are an additional **1,600-1,800** attendees. There are also around 2 near ball (7&8 year olds) games at Hillcrest during that period adding around **150** more attendees. In the fall, between September and October, our outdoor soccer program begins. Participants for this program range from age 3 to age 8 in three segments (4U, 6U, and 8U). This year we had 14 teams with an average of about 10 kids per team, so about 140 participants playing six games each. In the past, we've had over 20 teams. Depending on the year, participant attendance ranges from **850-1,400**, with **1,700-3,000** spectators for the six weeks of the program.

Besides the games themselves, our older soccer participants (10U, 12U and 14U) who play their games offsite, practice on our field at least one night a week. Generally, this means there are about an additional 60 kids practicing for about 10 weeks. That total comes to about **600** participants.

Highland Catholic School uses the grounds for daily recess from September through early June. Generally, an average of 300 students use the fields from September through November and again the same number from March through early June. The average goes down to about 225 from December through February. These are Kindergarteners through Sixth graders. The approximate totals from these numbers alone are around **49,000** students.

From spring through summer, a number of non-Hillcrest groups use our fields for baseball and softball. These groups include Highland Little League (baseball - ages 10-16), Highland Catholic School baseball (ages 9 -12), Nativity baseball (ages 9-12), Highland Softball (ages 10-16), and St. Paul Softball (ages 12-14). These groups use our fields from April through August. Highland Catholic and Nativity use our fields for baseball games and practices from April through the first week in June. The softball season generally is played from late May through August. These groups accounted for approximately **1,600** additional participants and about **3,000** spectators on 45 dates, including both games and practices, and including a number of multiple games or practices on those 45 days.

Highland Fest weekend generally occurs the second weekend in July. The event takes place from Friday through Sunday with scheduled concerts, movies, amusements and fireworks. In addition the grounds are used for setup the Thursday before. On the low end, the approximate attendance is about **9,500** individuals and can actually go over **12,000** people depending features and weather.

Lastly, on any given day we have 30 to 150 individuals who use the fields for pick-up games, flying kites, walking dogs or just general use. Those individuals could be any age from grade school children to senior citizens. This would account for an additional **10,000** to **50,000** individuals.

If you add these totals together, you get a total usage of **78,500** to **123,400** in any given year using Hillcrest field space.

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#### CF-1503411 Highland Park Community Center Fields

Phase Detail										
FinStartEndYearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	198	0	0	0	0	198
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	1,291	1,291	0	0	0	2,582
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	124	0	0	0	0	124
Design	CIB			0	174	0	0	0	0	174
Total:				0	1,787	1,291	0	0	0	3,078

#### **Phase Summary**

		Y	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)	)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	198	0	0	0	0	198	100.0%		
Construction/Rehab	0	1,291	1,291	0	0	0	2,582	100.0%		
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	124	0	0	0	0	124	100.0%		
Design	0	174	0	0	0	0	174	100.0%		
Total:	0	1,787	1,291	0	0	0	3,078	100.0%		

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			,	s)					
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	198	0	0	0	0	198	
	Construction/Rehab	0	1,291	1,291	0	0	0	2,582	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	124	0	0	0	0	124	
	Design	0	174	0	0	0	0	174	
		0	1,787	1,291	0	0	0	3,078	100.0%
Total:		0	1,787	1,291	0	0	0	3,078	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Jimmy Lee Upper Field

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/ Bryan Murphy

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Lexington Parkway/Concordia Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 8 – Summit University

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 1

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal is for the development of a natural turf athletic field at Oxford Community Center located at the SE corner of Lexington Parkway and Concordia Avenue/Interstate 94. Site improvements will include major grading, storm water retention features, path connections, low profile lighting and landscaping. This is the final field project to be completed at this site.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Oxford Community Center/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center is a significant hub for community and city wide civic and recreational opportunities.

Over ten years ago, this highly visible parcel of land was planned to provide athletic field space for the community. While, this parcel has been undeveloped and unusable for over 10 years, this project will be the final component of the 6 major construction phases at Oxford Community Center/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center

Site improvements will complement the newly installed and heavily programmed, first class, synthetic turf athletic field, and will serve as an overflow/additional natural turf field for athletic use.

The Jimmy Lee Recreation Center's athletic programs have produced many nationally recognized athletes over several decades. This new field will provide the many young aspiring athletes the opportunity to develop their skills. For others, young and older, these fields will provide the opportunity to enjoy the playing of sports in a noncompetitive style.

This area, similar to the synthetic turf field area, is contaminated with hazardous materials. The development of the field will be engineered to provide a safe recreational play area.

Development of this site improvement and major earthwork project will be scheduled for start-up and completion in one construction season.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will satisfy the high use demands of recreational space for athletic recreation and will continue to improve the functionality of this important existing neighborhood asset. In addition it will provide a more attractive completion of the highly trafficked corner of Concordia and Lexington with average daily traffic counts of 27,000 (ADT).

Project Importance Score:	

Points	Points
Possible	Awarded
10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Any contamination found will be addressed or removed to protect the users of the park. The parcel will be transformed from an inaccessible, visually unattractive vacant parcel, to a heavily used City and neighborhood recreational field.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The improvement of the upper field area into a safe recreational site completes the last phase of this decade long vision created by input from the immediate neighborhood, district councils, neighborhood businesses and City leaders, and will complement all other recent investments at this site.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

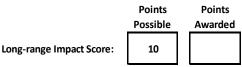
4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the surrounding neighborhood and city-wide recreational programs by providing additional recreational opportunities. This project improves the appearance of the entire Oxford Community Center complex by landscaping, signage, fencing, and compliments the athletic zone created by its neighbors of Dunning and Central High School.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The Jimmy Lee Recreation Center Upper Field area will provide a long term investment to the surrounding residents and city wide participants who will enjoy the use of this field. If not developed, it will continue as an unusable area in the community, bringing down the vitality and quality of the entire neighborhood.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Use of the Jimmy Lee/Oxford Community Center has increased dramatically over the past 8 years. The facility saw just less than 22,000 people in attendance in 2006, grew to over 100,000 in 2008 and nearly 350,000 people in 2013. It is the most attended Rec Center in Saint Paul. Adding a natural turf athletic field will be a significant asset that will serve a large percent of the surrounding communities.

The Summit-University Neighborhood has a large non-white population. Demographic Profiles provided through Minnesota Compass, show a 45% white population and 55% Of Color population compared to a 56% white to 44% Of Color for the City of Saint Paul. Moreover, this is largely due to a large Black or African American population (34%) in comparison to the City as a whole (15%). The race and ethnicity data for the Summit

University Neighborhood is 45% white, 34% Black, 5% Hispanic, 12% Asian and 3% two or more races.

Within the 1 mile service area of the play fields, 31% of the population are school age children ages 0-19, making up 1/3 of 343 the neighborhood population.

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#### CF-0803125 Jimmy Lee Recreation Center Upper Field

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	70	0	0	0	0	70
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	792	0	0	0	0	792
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	43	0	0	0	0	43
Design	CIB			0	60	0	0	0	0	60
Total:				0	965	0	0	0	0	965

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	792	0	0	0	0	792	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	100.0%
Design	0	60	0	0	0	0	60	100.0%
Total:	0	965	0	0	0	0	965	100.0%

#### Financing Source Detail / Summary

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	70	0	0	0	0	70	
	Construction/Rehab	0	792	0	0	0	0	792	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	
	Design	0	60	0	0	0	0	60	
		0	965	0	0	0	0	965	100.0%
Total:		0	965	0	0	0	0	965	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Linwood Fields Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 500 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Bianca Paz

Phone Number: - 651-266-6418

Email Address: - Bianca.paz@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 860S St. Clair Ave.

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 16 – Summit Hill

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal includes the upgrade to the athletic fields and the restoration of the retaining wall at Linwood Recreation Center. Other improvements include addition of site furnishing and landscaping.

## <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This project proposal recommends upgrading the athletic fields which are heavily used by a variety of youth programs in the Summit Hill neighborhood. It proposes fixing parts of the deteriorating retaining wall adjacent to the fields to prevent future serious damages to the integrity of the structure.

The athletic field improvements will meet the demands of the youth athletic community and update the worn out fields by providing adequate surfacing, furnishings and landscaping, and various adjacent site improvements required to keep the fields well functioning into the future.

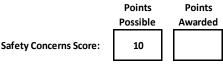
#### <u>Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria</u>

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project Linwood Community Center serves a wide range of young people coming not just from the adjacent neighborhood but from other areas of the city. The recreational fields are heavily used by youth programs throughout the community. Children from St. Thomas More School also use the facilities for their athletic programs.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The multi-use fields are worn out - it's uneven surfaces present potential safety issues when the children play on them. The adjacent retaining wall also needs to be repaired to maintain its structural integrity. If not, it could represent a hazard to the children that play next to it.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The project has support from the District Council and community youth organizations that use the athletic facilities for their recreational programs like St. Thomas More Catholic School youth sports teams and the community organized teams: soccer, baseball,softball,t-ball,nearball,flag football,lacrosse.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
onstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

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Linwood Recreation Center serves not only Summit Hill neighbors, but also residents from other part of the city attracted to the athletic youth programs offered in these facilities: baseball, softball,lacrrose, soccer, T-ball, and flag football amongst others. Maintaining quality fields will support these sport programs and keep young residents both active and integrated in their communities.

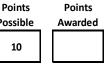
	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

A compacted and worn out athletic field is difficult and costly to maintain and the results are typically unsatisfactory for play. New field construction will allow less costly and more functional maintenance to happen.

Enhancements to the neighborhood's community center fields will improve and expand recreational opportunities for all who live in the neighborhood.





#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Linwood Community Center serves around 90,000 people who are coming from different parts of the metro area.

Total population in the neighborhood is 6,324 which 30% are people under 24 years old, slightly under the Saint Paul average (39%).

Summit Hil has a predominantly white population (86%), however the surrounding community of Summit- University, which is also served by Linwood Athletic Fields, is more racially diverse: White 45%, African American 34%, Asian 12% and Hispanic 5%. (USCensus2012)

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#### CF-1603413 Linwood Fields Improvements

				Phase De	tail					
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	261	0	0	0	0	261
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	9	0	0	0	0	9
Design	CIB			0	13	0	0	0	0	13
Total:				0	298	0	0	0	0	298

#### Phase Summary

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	261	0	0	0	0	261	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	100.0%
Design	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	100.0%
Total:	0	298	0	0	0	0	298	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
	Construction/Rehab	0	261	0	0	0	0	261	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	
	Design	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	
		0	298	0	0	0	0	298	100.0%
Total:		0	298	0	0	0	0	298	100.0%

### 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - McMurray Field Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Lexington Parkway/Como Ave

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 10 - Como

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The McMurray Field Improvement project includes reconstruction of the softball fields at the complex. Reconstruction of the fields will include redesign of a maximum number of fields meeting current design standards for a premier softball facility including lighting, spectator space, durable athletic surfacing, and possibly maintenance and concession space.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

McMurray Field is programmed with over 100,000 people per year through the various sports. In addition to that, there are certainly several thousand more that use the fields through unprogrammed activities. The softball field area at McMurray is the only section of McMurray that needs to be updated. This area of the field receives heavy use and wear from layering of multiple sports on the ball fields throughout the year. These programmed sports include softball, flag football, ultimate Frisbee, and broomball. The softball field surface is uneven, fields overlap, and lighting is uneven and inadequate.

Redevelopment of Como Pool in 2012 reduced the number of softball fields at McMurray from 6 to 5 and eliminated one of the ball field lights. Parks and Recreation now has funding to complete improvements to the roads around McMurray. This will eliminate up to two more softball fields and as well as some lighting. The reduction in

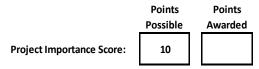
fields will be problematic for Municipal Athletics to program softball tournaments and the inadequate lighting will require broomball to be relocated to a different park.

Restoration of the softball fields to current design standards including fencing, lighting, spectator space, durable athletic surfacing, and possibly maintenance and concession space will provide a premier softball facility.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

While the facility is in high demand due to limited field space in the city, the existing softball fields do not meet current design standards due to overlapping fields, uneven playing surface, and poor lighting and spectator space. Restoration of the ball fields would provide a premiere softball facility.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Currently, the fields at McMurray overlap. This requires outfielders to not only pay attention to their game, but also the one over their shoulder so they can avoid being hit by long hits from an adjacent field. The renovated fields would be reoriented in order to reduce this safety issue.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10		

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

CIB funding requests for this project have been proposed in previous CIB cycles. This project is part of the ongoing improvements to Como Regional Park largely financed with State funding. State Bonding money has been secured for improvements to the adjacent roads and trails but CIB funding is necessary to complete the funding requirements of the improvements at McMurray.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

McMurray Field is a city-wide facility. This project will significantly improve safety and playability of the softball facilities at Como Park. Renovation of the softball fields will provide an area which promotes an active lifestyle.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The new fields will meet current standards and increase usability and safety of players. Also, new fields will be easier to maintain

This project serves a regional audience. Nearly 4.5 Million plus people visit Como Regional Park each year including over 10,000 visitors per day in the summer.

	Points Possible	
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

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#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The City of Saint Paul Municipal Athletics office programs over 112,000 people per year at McMurray Field. In addition, several thousand people utilize the field for unprogrammed activities annually.

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#### CF-1003042 McMurray Field Improvements

Phase Detail										
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	260	0	0	0	0	260
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	2,950	0	0	0	2,950
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	155	0	0	0	155
Design	CIB			0	225	0	0	0	0	225
Total:				0	485	3,105	0	0	0	3,590

#### Phase Summary

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	260	0	0	0	0	260	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	2,950	0	0	0	2,950	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	155	0	0	0	155	100.0%
Design	0	225	0	0	0	0	225	100.0%
Total:	0	485	3,105	0	0	0	3,590	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount (in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	260	0	0	0	0	260	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	2,950	0	0	0	2,950	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	155	0	0	0	155	
	Design	0	225	0	0	0	0	225	
		0	485	3,105	0	0	0	3,590	100.0%
Total:		0	485	3,105	0	0	0	3,590	100.0%

### 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Kellogg Mall Park Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 500 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Wabasha and Kellogg Boulevard

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 17 – Capital River

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Restoration and Improvements to paving, drainage, site amenities and landscaping within Kellogg Mall Park.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Kellogg Mall Park site was the birthplace of Saint Paul. In 1841, Father Lucien Galtier built a small catholic chapel dedicated to Saint Paul that sat on the bluff overlooking the river. It was this chapel that gave the surrounding area its name. Kellogg Mall Park underwent an award winning, extensive renovation in 1989, reviving a run down, dilapidated, under-used space into a vibrant, vital premier park in downtown. This park is one of the few public viewing areas that provides an essential visual connection from downtown to the river. The park is heavily used by residents, downtown workers, students, and visitors. The design intent of the 1989 renovation was to emphasize the panoramic views of the river valley, create a strong relationship to the adjacent commercial and residential community, focus on the important historical significance of the site, and to replace a barren and uninteresting park space with a "showcase" park which included renovation of the existing ornate railing and bridge, extensive garden, new lighting and related site amenities.

The park has seen 25 years of use, wear and tear, and is in need of renovation to maintain it as a "showcase" park. The overall design of the park will remain as originally designed but specific areas of the park are in need of repair, such as: repair of arbor; replacement of pavement where there is extensive cracking and heaving; repairs to chipped retaining walls due to skateboard damage; replace or paint benches, bollards, and trash receptacles; repairs to the metal railing along the promenade that overlooks the river; repainting of light fixtures; refurbish lawn areas and irrigation system; trim or replace trees, replant perennial beds; and add tables and chairs due to demand for eating space to accommodate lunch time users.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project improves the park highly used by downtown workers, visitors and students and to meet new demand for additional seating during the lunch time hours due to the food trucks parked along Kellogg Boulevard. It also makes needed repairs to revive the original condition of the design, create a welcoming space and deter unwanted and illicit activity from taking place in the park that may be seen as neglected. Improvements to the arbor are needed to improve the structural function and aesthetics.

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Project Importance Score:

Awarded

Possible

10

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Due to its deteriorating condition, the park has attracted transient and homeless users which creates an unsafe atmosphere and a sense that unwanted or illicit activity is taking place in the park. Improvements create a sense of ownership and pride in our award winning public spaces and invites users into the space and promotes a vibrant, active downtown.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This projects preserves and enhances the existing Kellogg Mall park that provides a vital open space connection between downtown and the river. After 25 years, the park is in need of some enhancements to preserve the integrity of essential components of the park such as railings and lighting. Renovation to trees, lawn and plantings is a small

investment toward preservation of design and creating a space to be enjoyed by the thousands of people that enjoy the park for its views to the river, open lawn spaces and the increased demand on the park for additional seating due to lunchtime food trucks. This park is a "showcase" downtown park and needs funding to preserve this historical, cultural, and natural asset.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project benefits the city as a whole due to its high visibility along the river and its location downtown. The work proposed will greatly improve the aesthetic appearance of this asset with renovation to existing site amenities, lighting, and landscaping.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The project doesn't affect future operating costs. Kellogg Mall park is specifically addressed as part of the Great River Passage plan and improvements to be made along the river bluff. This park is historically significant as the location of the chapel that gave the City its name and is considered the "birthplace" of Saint Paul. This proposal also supports the work of the Downtown Development Strategy plan that calls for an enhanced public realm and parks and recreation system that is easily accessible, attractive and well-maintained. One of the implementation strategies is to provide a range of basic improvements connected with livability, such as: additional bike racks, street trees, benches, lighting and general maintenance of public areas. The public realm will celebrate downtown's history, physical setting and proximity to the Mississippi River. Kellogg Mall park plays an important role in defining the City's history and serving as a natural buffer between the urban core and the river.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The downtown core has an increasing population with 6,698 residents in 2010. The Greater Saint Paul BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association)reported that downtown St. Paul has seen a 62% growth in residential population since 2010. They also stated, that downtown populations used to be more transient, but today it is much more stable and young people are putting down roots. Of that population, most people live in high density multi- family housing. Their primary resource for the "outdoors" and natural environment is through public parks – walking their dog, playing catch, picnicking, etc. Current trends show that the residential population of the urban core will only grow. On the southern side of downtown near Kellogg Mall Park, both the Federal Post Office building and the West Publishing buildings are slated for redevelopment. Approximately 250 new market rate apartments are proposed for the St. Paul post office building. The proposal for the Ramsey County/West Publishing buildings remain to be seen, but it is a large parcel directly adjacent to the park. Whether it's residential or business, it will increase the usage demand put on the park.

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#### CF-1703147 Kellogg Mall Park Improvements

Phase Detail										
FinStartEndYearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	350	0	0	0	0	350
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Design	CIB			0	20	0	0	0	0	20
Total:				0	395	0	0	0	0	395

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	350	0	0	0	0	350	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	100.0%
Design	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	100.0%
Total:	0	395	0	0	0	0	395	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount (in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
	Construction/Rehab	0	350	0	0	0	0	350	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	
	Design	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	
		0	395	0	0	0	0	395	100.0%
Total:		0	395	0	0	0	0	395	100.0%

## **1.** Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Mears Park Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 500 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth St., Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Don Ganje

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 6<sup>th</sup> and Sibley Streets

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 17 – Capital River

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Mears Park, designed and constructed nearly 25 years ago, is one of Saint Paul's premier downtown parks. As the centerpiece of the thriving Lowertown neighborhood, it is crucial to preserve its character and original design. Unfortunately, this well loved and highly used park is seeing the effects of years of limited maintenance funding and has become severely deteriorated.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This project will halt the continuing deterioration of Mears Park and restore or replace park elements to match those installed 25 years ago. The highly successful and award winning design of Mears Park has served Lowertown residents and employees well over the past 25 years. However, severe deterioration of its centerpiece stream, failure of the original pavers, a deteriorated Garden walkway, damaged garden area edging, discoloration and mold on the sandstone and limestone seat walls, and the need to plan for the replacement of all ash trees, due to the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer in St. Paul; threatens the continuing existence of this park. This project would accomplish the following:

- Repair of the deteriorated colored concrete stream surfacing
- Removal and replacement of all paving within the park
- Restoration of the deteriorated stone-surfaced garden walkway

- Addition of new stone edging/mow strip around all garden areas for ease of maintenance
- Cleaning/repair of the stone seat walls
- Removal and replacement of 60 Ash trees with new species
- Replacement of missing Birch trees along stream

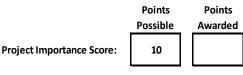
It is anticipated that this work would be accomplished in two Phases ;

- PHASE 1. Stream repair, pavers and walkway, stone edging and stone cleaning
- PHASE 2. Replacement of all Ash Trees and missing Birch trees

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

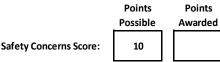
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will stop the complete deterioration and potential loss of the park's costly stream centerpiece; repair failed, uneven and unsafe paving throughout the entire park; enhance ease of maintenance, and replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Extensive broken and uneven paving presents an ongoing safety concern for park users and is particularly of concern for disabled park users.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Maintaining this premier downtown park is a high priority of the administration and particularly of the tens of thousands of visitors who use this park each year. The park is the centerpiece of a thriving residential neighborhood, nightly bar and restaurant scene and the soon to be opened Lowertown Ball Park. The park is a major contributor to the livability and economic vitality of the entire Lowertown neighborhood. Its deteriorated condition is reaching a critical point and funding is urgently needed to prevent an even costlier future re-build.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Mears Park is the centerpiece of the thriving Lowertown neighborhood and is one of the dominant contributors to the livability and economic vitality of the entire neighborhood. Studies have shown that the park has directly contributed to an increase in property values and is one of the main reasons people and employers have relocated to this particular downtown neighborhood.



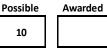
5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Prior to the park's construction 25 years ago, the neighborhood was largely vacant with deteriorating buildings and a seedy reputation. The park itself was largely populated with the homeless and it was an uncomfortable place to spend any time in. Investment in a re-design and construction of a new park, was the seed which completely transformed this neighborhood, providing a distinct and lasting return on its original investment. It is of utmost importance that this park not be allowed to continue to deteriorate to the point that it is no longer a neighborhood asset, but becomes a detriment to the vitality that has taken so long to create here.

This project would more than likely reduce operating costs for the first few years and then begin to increase as the equipment ages and parts start to need replacement.



Long-range Impact Score:



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Mears Park is one of the highest use parks in the City. It is surrounded by residential condominiums, apartments, artist lofts and an active restaurant and bar scene. Several events are held in the park each year, such as the Twin Cities Jazz festival which draws upwards of 30,000 visitors to the park. The Farmers Market is two blocks away and provides much weekend activity. The new Lowertown Ballpark is opening this spring, and the new LRT which stops only one block away from the park, will bring thousands

of new visitors from MpIs and St. Paul past the park. There is a very diverse population of artists and young professionals that live in the neighborhood as well as many employers in the technical and creative fields.

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### CF-1703415 Mears Park Improvements

Phase Detail												
	Fin	Start	End		Yearly Amount (in thousands)							
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	42	0	0	0	0	42		
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	650	0	0	0	0	650		
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	27	0	0	0	0	27		
Design	CIB			0	37	0	0	0	0	37		
Total:				0	756	0	0	0	0	756		

### Phase Summary

		Y	early Amount	( in Thousands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	42	0	0	0	0	42	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	650	0	0	0	0	650	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	27	0	0	0	0	27	100.0%
Design	0	37	0	0	0	0	37	100.0%
Total:	0	756	0	0	0	0	756	100.0%

### Financing Source Detail / Summary

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Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total		
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds										
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	42	0	0	0	0	42			
	Construction/Rehab	0	650	0	0	0	0	650			
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	27	0	0	0	0	27			
	Design	0	37	0	0	0	0	37			
		0	756	0	0	0	0	756	100.0%		
Total:		0	756	0	0	0	0	756	100.0%		

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Pedro Park

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA, St Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Anne Gardner

Phone Number: - 651-244-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 10<sup>th</sup> and Robert Streets, St. Paul, MN

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 17 – Capital River

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal is to construct Phase I of the Pedro Park design and to purchase critical parcels for the phased development of a new downtown park within the block bounded by 10th, Robert, 9th and Minnesota Streets.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This proposal is to construct Phase I of Pedro Park to fulfill the donation agreement from the Pedro family by creating a small park on the donated parcel where the Pedro Luggage store once stood. The proposal also includes land acquisition for critical parcels on the block to continue with the phased implementation of the park. The creation of the park fulfills the planning effort of the Fitzgerald Park Precinct plan adopted in 2006 by the Saint Paul City Council as part of the comprehensive plan. Funds to construct Phase I and to purchase additional parcels are necessary to build out this park and to provide a much needed green space for this changing downtown neighborhood.

From 2011-2012, City staff together with a 15 member design advisory committee, developed a conceptual Master Plan for Pedro Park. A community survey and ongoing committee input, demonstrated a preference for a park that covers the majority of the block bounded by Robert Street, Minnesota Street, 9th and 10th streets; converting surface parking lots and the Public Safety Annex building into park space. The concept

plan for the park calls for 3/4 of the block to become park land with the intention of leaving one single landowner (Union Gospel Mission Group). This is a reduction of park space proposed in the Fitzgerald Park Precinct Plan, which called for a full block park design.

Pedro Park is nestled within a changing and vibrant neighborhood. New construction of the Penfield and Lunds store is complete, bringing many individuals to this neighborhood. In addition, the residential community from the surrounding buildings of the Rossmor, the Pointe, and City Walk, all of which front the park space are potential users of the park space. And the workforce and student population from surrounding blocks represent future park users who will enliven the park space and contribute to the economic vitality of downtown Saint Paul.

A temporary park called "Urban Flower Field" was installed in the spring of 2014. Planters of a variety of a diverse plants are being studied by University of St. Thomas students to understand which plants are extracting pollutants from the soil. The temporary park is used daily and provides a community gathering space; however, the park is only funded through the fall of 2015. This request is for a long-term investment to redevelop the block into a permanent park which will improve land value, safety, and neighborhood character

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will provide a neighborhood and community destination and will improve economic vitality of the downtown area. A park is called for at this location based on the Fitzgerald Park Precinct Plan, adopted by the Saint Paul City Council in 2006 as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Major redevelopment of the area surrounding this park was recently completed including The Penfield apartment building, Lunds grocery store, and a light rail station within a block from the park site. Existing development bordering the park includes The Pointe, the 129 unit Rossmor building, and the 228 unit City Walk. This park will create a permanent and much needed outdoor park and gathering space for this new neighborhood.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The project will ultimately create a safer neighborhood by helping to create a sense of community where residents have an increased chance of making contacts and getting to know each other. A park at the heart of a dense downtown residential neighborhood

will become the focus of many outdoor activities and community events that otherwise could not take place.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The project has been called for in the Fitzgerald Park Precinct Plan, which was adopted by the Saint Paul City Council as part of the comprehensive plan in 2006. The Pedro family donated the property previously occupied by the Pedro Luggage building, for use as a portion of this park. A previous CIB budget in 2010/11 approved \$100,000 for preliminary design and a community design advisory committee has worked with city staff to determine a design direction for the park. The Penfield and Lunds store are now complete and have introduced an influx of park users. The installation of the temporary park "Urban Flower Field" was completed in 2014 and only has funding through the fall of 2015.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
strated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

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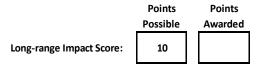
Construction of a park at the heart of this neighborhood, will allow the hundreds of downtown residents living here a place for active outdoor recreation as well as a place where residents and visitors alike can meet and share the experience of being a part of a thriving neighborhood community. Currently, the temporary park is available for residents, but is only funded to remain until October 2015.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

A permanent neighborhood park at this location will help to create a lasting sense of community for this neighborhood. It will provide a greater opportunity for residents to get to know each other, thereby increasing the sense of safety and security in the

immediate area. It will bring long term value to the City's tax base by increasing the value of the residential property that surrounds the park, as has been well documented by numerous studies regarding the value of park and open space on adjacent residential properties.



### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

-The population of Downtown Saint Paul (District 17) in 2008-2012 census has increased by 17% since 2000. Based on the Wilder Foundation demographic data, the population is 75% white, 11% Black, 7% Asian, 5% Two or more races, and 3% Hispanic.

-The 25-34 age group makes up the greatest percentage of the population at 28.1% which is significantly higher than the average overall Saint Paul population of this age group at 17%.

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### CF-1702918 Pedro Park Land

				Phase De						
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	1,438	0	0	0	0	1,438
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	88	0	0	0	0	88
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Design	CIB			117	6	0	0	0	0	6
Total:				117	1,543	0	0	0	0	1,543

### **Phase Summary**

		Y	Yearly Amount	( in Thousa	ands)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	1,438	0	0	0	0	1,438	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	88	0	0	0	0	88	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	100.0%
Design	117	6	0	0	0	0	6	100.0%
Total:	117	1,543	0	0	0	0	1,543	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)										
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total				
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds												
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	7	0	0	0	0	7					
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	1,438	0	0	0	0	1,438					
	Construction/Rehab	0	88	0	0	0	0	88					
	Construction Mgmt.	0	4	0	0	0	0	4					
	Design	117	6	0	0	0	0	6					
		117	1,543	0	0	0	0	1,543	100.0%				
Total:		117	1,543	0	0	0	0	1,543	100.0%				

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Rice Park Revitalization

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA, St Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Anne Gardner

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Market Street

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 17 – Capital River

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal is to fund construction for improvements to Rice Park based on the concept plan developed through a community design process. The improvements will revitalize this significant public space in Saint Paul located on the block bounded by Washington Street, 5th Street, 4th Street, and Market Street.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Rice Park was dedicated as St Paul's first public space in 1849. Since then, it has experienced many transformations and renovations as a popular green space in an urban area. It is a well-used urban park that serves many individuals and hosts numerous events including the Winter Carnival, Flint Hills Children Festival, the Ordway's Summer Dance, and many more. The park's character is also largely influenced by the significant civic and cultural buildings that surround it. In 2010, Rice Park was designated as one of the top 10 Great Public Spaces by the American Planning Association.

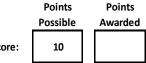
The park is in need of updates and improvements beyond the reach of annual maintenance. The Saint Paul Garden club raised funds for use by the city to develop a concept plan through a community design process. This design process is currently underway and will identify major elements that are needed to revitalize Rice Park.

Construction and improvements will be phased as funding is available through a combination of Capital Improvement funds and private fundraising.

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The park is used on a daily basis by the downtown community of residents, workers, tourists, and visitors to the landmark buildings that surround that park: Landmark Center, Saint Paul Hotel, George Latimer Central Library as well as the Xcel Center. Rice Park hosts events throughout the year drawing thousands of people to gather in this space. The years of use have worn some of the infrastructure (irrigation and electrical system) and other physical elements are in need of updating (lighting, walkways, seating). These improvements will allow Rice Park to continue to host events and provide a safe gathering space for park users.



Project Importance Score:

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

An online community survey indicated that safety is a major issue to address in the park. Lighting improvements will be made to create a safe and welcoming park space.

	Points Possible	-	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10		

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Saint Paul Garden club raised funds for the conceptual plan process to determine the phased improvements for Rice Park. A community design advisory committee made up of individuals representing the surrounding businesses, organizations, and residential community is working with Parks staff to develop a concept design to prioritize improvements. Rice Park is a cultural asset to Saint Paul; funding is needed to improve its condition so it remains a safe and functional community space.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

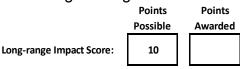
Rice Park hosts the Winter Carnival, Saint Patricks Day parade, Flint Hills Childrens' Festival, MN Bike Festival, Summer Dance, MN Opera, Rice Park Tree Lighting, and numerous weddings, corporate events and music in the park events. This beloved public greenspace draws thousands of people to Saint Paul and to the heart of downtown. The character of the space is enforced by the unique collection of landmark buildings around the park which speak to the history of Saint Paul and current cultural attractions. This project will enhance the park so that it can continue to be a place for community members, tourists, and businesses to utilize for gatherings and events.

Community Benefit Score:



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Infrastructure improvements are needed in the park including updating irrigation and electrical systems. These updates will enable parks operations staff to improve the maintenance of the park thereby improving the aesthetics of the park. Lighting improvements will also be made to ensure that the park is a safe place in the evening when many events are taking place. The investment in the park will ensure that is continues to be a great urban space for community events and gatherings.



### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

On a daily basis, hundreds of people use the park for an outdoor space to eat lunch, gather, or walk through to get to other areas of Saint Paul. During events, Rice Park hosts thousands of people <u>throughout</u> the year including:

- 1. Winter Carnival (11 days) 25,000 people
- 2. St Patricks Day (1 day) 800-1000 parade participants
- 3. Flint Hills (7 days) 25,000 people
- 4. MN Bike Festival (1 day) 2,500 people
- 5. Summer Dance (9 weeks) 800 attendees each week
- 6. MN Opera (1 day) 2,500 attendees
- 7. Rice Park Tree Lighting (1 day) 6000 attendees
- 8. Music in the Park (9 concerts)
- 9. Weddings and Corporate events varies

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### CF-1703418 **Rice Park Revitalization**

Phase Detail												
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	7	0	0	0	0	7		
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	59	0	0	0	0	59		
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	854	0	0	0	0	854		
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	37	0	0	0	0	37		
Design	CIB			0	45	0	0	0	0	45		
Total:				0	1,002	0	0	0	0	1,002		

### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amoun	t (in Thous	ands)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	59	0	0	0	0	59	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	854	0	0	0	0	854	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	37	0	0	0	0	37	100.0%
Design	0	45	0	0	0	0	45	100.0%
Total:	0	1,002	0	0	0	0	1,002	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)								
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total		
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds										
	Preliminary Design	0	7	0	0	0	0	7			
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	59	0	0	0	0	59			
	Construction/Rehab	0	854	0	0	0	0	854			
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	37	0	0	0	0	37			
	Design	0	45	0	0	0	0	45			
		0	1,002	0	0	0	0	1,002	100.0%		
Total:		0	1,002	0	0	0	0	1,002	100.0%		

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Dickerman Park

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 CHA 25 West Fourth Street

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - University Avenue and Fairview Avenue

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 11 – Hamline Midway and District 13 – Union Park

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Imagine a two block long linear park adjacent the highly popular LRT Green Line – a visible, attractive, and active space providing a unique public place to gather for businesses, visitors and residents near University Avenue. The enhancement and unification of the park will give an identity to the LRT Fairview Station and a welcoming point for those entering the Hamline Midway neighborhood.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Since the dedication of the land to the city in 1910, Dickerman Park has been a park in name only. The lack of recognition of the park property has led to the current condition of the 2.4 acre site to be filled with business parking, private furnishings, walkways, fenced spaces of private uses and various conditions of turf and plantings culminating in a private and unwelcoming appearance. Reclaiming Dickerman Park and developing it to provide a green buffer from the avenue, establish a valuable frontage for building reinvestment, set a standard for establishing additional green space along the avenue, and provide an iconic place that expresses the neighborhood's identity.

The Green Line's long term success will be gaged on the city's ability to attract, retain and sustain visitors, residents and businesses. Well designed and appointed open and green space contributes to overall livability and economic growth of a city. As Transit Oriented Development is encouraged along University Avenue, the expected doubling of housing units along the Central Corridor and projected increase in commercial and retail square footage need to be matched by an increase in the amount of accessible quality open space.

Open space has multiple benefits, including recreational, environmental, and economic, so it is more important than ever that the vision of an iconic park along University Avenue be realized. The City's investment in a visible, attractive and well-loved park along the corridor will illustrate that Saint Paul understands the multiple benefits of open space and values the neighbors within the corridor, which is currently underserved by open space according to a 2014 study by the Trust for Public Land. Minneapolis and Saint Paul average 15% parkland and revealed inequity along the Green Line with a total of 2% parkland in the area surrounding Dickerman Park.

Since the original concept was completed in 2005 and estimated to cost over \$12M dollars, the Department has applied for funding for a portion of that in anticipation of additional dollars being secured by private entities. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> request for CIB funding for Dickerman Park since 2005. To date, \$170,000 has been secured from CIB to remove encroachments from the park including the parking and other private use amenities and to produce a revised concept for the park which would be in line with the square foot construction cost of other urban parks in our system. The process to develop the concept has involved a Community Design Advisory Committee who has helped to shape the park's programming and physical layout. The funding being requested for this cycle would supplement the \$2M dollars of 8-80 funds in the current budget. This money would be sufficient to realize the construction of an iconic public green space along University Avenue.

The development of the park will complete the intent of the 1910 land dedication, providing vitality to the neighborhood, attracting economic development, adding to the beauty of the neighborhood and City and providing a visual cue of the City's commitment to being the "Most Livable City in America."

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

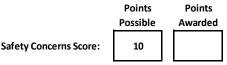
The condition of the park is poor and unrecognizable as public space. It is therefore generally unusable and does not provide an amenity to the neighborhood. The development of Dickerman Park will provide pedestrian circulation, spaces for primary social experiences and places for the public, including nearby residents, employees and transit users to enjoy gathering on University Avenue. Defining and developing Dickerman Park will provide public access and use to an area that is currently privatized. The park will anchor and help provide an identity for the Fairview Station Area and will provide open space available to the neighborhood and to users of LRT.

### 2016-2017 CF - Dickerman Park

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Current uses by some adjacent tenants are in conflict with what the Department considers safe spaces for recreation referencing existing condition and uses. Removal of vehicular conflicts as well as the provision of circulation related to the interior of the park and the adjacent sidewalks, well-placed furnishings and vegetation will increase the safety of the space for use by the public. Safety improvements for pedestrians crossing University Avenue and traffic calming on Wheeler Street are included in the plans for the park.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Design Advisory Committee who has shaped the conceptual design of the park including layout and programming includes business owners, residents, artists, and stakeholders including Trust for Public Land, Friends of Ramsey Count Parks and Trails, and the Central Corridor Design Center. The Mayor has included dollars toward the project in the most recently approved budget which demonstrates the importance of the park's development. A conceptual design of the park is in the final stages, making it ready for establishment of estimated costs. There is broad support for Dickerman Park is being brought to the CIB committee for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. Supporters of the park's development include Hamline-Midway Coalition, Union Park District Council, Midway Chamber of Commerce, Trust for Public Land, building owners and tenants along the park and local residents. Friends of the of the Parks and Trails helped raise thousands of dollars, including funds from the Dickerman Family, and hired a designer to take the community through the design of a concept for the park which was approved by the Parks Commission and the City Council in 2005. A demonstration project constructed in 2008 at the corner of Fairview and University was funded through a \$30K STAR grant to help identify the park and garner support for its development.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

There are few open spaces in the neighborhood surrounding Fairview and University. Therefore, the improvement of parkland will provide significant useful park space in addition to an improved image of the neighborhood, University Avenue and an opportunity to reflect the neighborhood's identity through the use of public art and appropriate park signage/ identification. The 1999 Trust for Public Land published two documents noting Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space and the 2006 The Benefits of Parks, notes that parks "increase property values, and create a high quality of life that attracts tax paying businesses and residents and stimulate the commercial growth and promotes inner city vitalization."

Landscape features that recall the historic and cultural significance will be incorporated as well as lighting to ensure a visible and safe park. Tables and chairs, benches for seating, two plazas for gathering will be buffered from the avenue with plantings and seat walls adding to the usefulness of the park and an improved image.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The park development will increase the cost of operations and maintenance by the City as the current conditions are maintained by the adjacent building owners and tenants. The final design will take into consideration the short and long term costs of maintenance in specifying materials for the site. The proximity to the adjacent buildings and the entrances on the park may also leverage additional funds from businesses that rely on the park for building access.

Dickerman Park development fulfills goals of many City plans. The City's Parks and Recreation Vision Plan requires that "the siting, design and funding of parks and open space be an integral feature of major redevelopment projects"; suggesting the location of a "high quality park and recreation space/facility near the proposed Central Corridor LRT line." Park's System Plan recommends that Dickerman Park be reclaimed to establish park function and character. plan addresses environmental sustainability goals through reduction of pervious cover and use of sustainable materials; will contribute positively to the community serving as a green respite; and serve to attract future transit-oriented development as the market demands. This project supports Strategy 4.20 and 4.21 of the Park System Plan and green space is essential to the goals to capitalize on the potential of and improve the image and quality of life along the Central Corridor as listed in the Land Use and Implementation Chapters of the City of Saint Paul's 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

### Section D – Additional Information

## **1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The potential of Dickerman Park is wide reaching. It will serve the Hamline-Midway neighborhood and businesses along University Avenue as well as regional visitors arriving via LRT. The Griggs Midway Building alone has more than 1,000 tenants who work adjacent to Dickerman Park. The YMCA is currently working on the development of a new facility that will increase their membership capacity and services to serve a large membership and the building at 1745 University Avenue has secured leases with two charter schools and anticipate that there will be more than 500 children who could take advantage of the park space which could serve as an outdoor classroom. With little park space on the Green Line, Dickerman Park will be a place of respite for adjacent neighborhoods including Union Park and Frogtown which includes a diverse population, declining incomes and a large number of renters.

A well designed park will help provide sufficient open space to meet the projected increase in population expected in the area as a result of LRT construction. The park will serve as an attractive, iconic place along the multi-modal transit corridor. Parks and open space have proven to support the well-being of the communities' by providing social, economic, environmental, and health benefits. Creating a unique place will contribute to the vibrancy of the Fairview Station and the surrounding neighborhood, and help to attract additional businesses and individuals to Saint Paul.

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### CF-1102890 **Dickerman Park**

Phase Detail												
	Fin	Start	End		Yearly Amount (in thousands)							
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB	07-01-14	02-01-15	0	370	0	0	0	0	370		
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			130	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Construction/Rehab	CIB	04-01-15	10-01-15	0	0	2,250	0	0	0	2,250		
Construction/Rehab	ISP			2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Construction Mgmt.	CIB	02-01-15	10-01-15	0	0	230	0	0	0	230		
Design	CIB	01-01-14	06-01-14	40	150	0	0	0	0	150		
Total:				2,170	520	2,480	0	0	0	3,000		

### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	370	0	0	0	0	370	100.0%
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	130	0	0	0	0	0	0 *	******
Construction/Rehab	2,000	0	2,250	0	0	0	2,250	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	230	0	0	0	230	100.0%
Design	40	150	0	0	0	0	150	100.0%
Total:	2,170	520	2,480	0	0	0	3,000	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)									
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total		
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds										
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	370	0	0	0	0	370			
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	130	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	2,250	0	0	0	2,250			
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	230	0	0	0	230			
	Design	40	150	0	0	0	0	150			
		170	520	2,480	0	0	0	3,000	100.0%		
ISP - ISF	P Bonds										
	Construction/Rehab	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0			
		2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%		
Total:		2,170	520	2,480	0	0	0	3,000	100.0%		

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Wacouta Commons Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4th Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Dave Ronzani

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - : So. 8th Street and Wacouta St., St. Paul, MN

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 17 – Capital River

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal seeks to provide site improvements to a heavily used downtown park. The soils have been found to be unsuitable for the establishment of trees. The turf areas are severely compacted due to intense use and minimal topsoil. Other improvements include fencing, planting, and a water hose bib hook up.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Wacouta Commons Park was designed to be the focal point for the neighborhood located north of West Seventh Street and west of Wacouta Street This heavily used downtown neighborhood park has become the community gathering space for adjacent condominium owners and apartment dwellers who have embraced the advantages of living in a downtown neighborhood. Improvements are needed in order to continue to maintain this space as a first class urban park.

This project will enhance the neighborhood by providing a setting of lush, green open space for informal gatherings and neighborhood events as well as a vigorous, healthy grove of trees for much needed shade for picnicking and relaxing.

This park was developed from an area occupied by warehouses and parking lots. A mix of demolition debris and poor base soils under the imported topsoils has proven to be

the cause of poor lawn and plant growth. Excavating and backfilling with special mixtures of soil and compost will promote healthy tree development. Amending the surface soils will prevent the soils from being compacted and will promote an ideal environment for the establishment of a healthy green turf.

Fencing and installation of educational signs around the existing dog run, will allow pet owners to exercise their pets in an enclosed area. The general park area will be kept cleaner and more enjoyable for park users.

This work will be scheduled and completed within one construction season.

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will preserve and improve an existing community asset providing a more suitable medium to grow trees that will offer shade and structure to one of the most popular parks in downtown Saint Paul. Improved site soils will also improve the ability to grow and maintain the natural turf within the park. The importance of this project is to ensure that this heavily used downtown park can be enjoyed by the many guests who visit this urban neighborhood.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The park user/pet owner will be able to use the off-leash dog area without violating the City dog leash ordinances. Health issues related to dog run areas not enclosed will be minimized. Park users will be able to seek summer shade and avoid severe sun exposure.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project was proposed in the 2012-2013 and the 2014-2015 CIB processes. The community has continued to request the City's help in restoring the turf and replanting the dead trees within this park. This is a very well used, active park space that is well

supported by the surrounding community. Funding to repair the damaged ornamental fountain was secured with 2015 Capital Maintenance Funds.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving guality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This improvement will enhance the usability and aesthetic appearance of this downtown neighborhood park by providing a safe and secure dog run area and by creating a comfortable and pleasing park setting. Soil amendments will provide trees and natural turfed areas with a more suitable growing medium leading to greater success rates and fewer compaction issues.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability · Project provides tangible return on investment · Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The initial improvement work will decrease future operating costs in the long term and avoid the costly attempts to restore the tree canopy in the park. Tangible return on investment will be measured by the satisfaction of having a well maintained park within a densely populated urban neighborhood. Park users will use the park as an extension of their confined living spaces.



### Section D – Additional Information

1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

According to American Community Survey:

The Downtown Neighborhood has a population of 6,698 from data collected between 2008-2012.

Population by race/ethnicity includes: 75% White, 11% black, 3% Hispanic, 7% Asian, and 5% two or more races.

80% of the population falls between the ages of 18-64

49% of households have an income of \$35,000 or less.

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### CF-1702931 Wacouta Commons Improvements

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	12	0	0	0	0	12
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	126	0	0	0	0	126
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Design	CIB			0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Total:				0	155	0	0	0	0	155

### **Phase Summary**

		Yearly Amount (in Thousands)						
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	126	0	0	0	0	126	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	100.0%
Design	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	100.0%
Total:	0	155	0	0	0	0	155	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds									
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	12	0	0	0	0	12		
	Construction/Rehab	0	126	0	0	0	0	126		
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	7	0	0	0	0	7		
	Design	0	10	0	0	0	0	10		
		0	155	0	0	0	0	155	100.0%	
Total:		0	155	0	0	0	0	155	100.0%	

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Merriam Park Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Union Park District Council/ Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 500 City Hall Annex, 25 W. 4th Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Dave Ronzani

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Merriam Park

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 13 – Union Park

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Improvements to Merriam Park include construction of a splash pad, renovations to the existing play area, skate park, lower ball fields, and an "Entry Gateway Arch" along Prior Avenue.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Merriam Park is a 10 acre park located within the Union Park District of Saint Paul. Once considered a potential site for the State Capitol, this park offers amenities that are used heavily by the surrounding community. These include: A recreation center, baseball and soccer fields, basketball, 2 tennis courts, skate park, and play area. This park also offers natural beauty with a native oak savannah and iconic hill. It has been over a decade since facilities at this park have seen improvements.

### This proposal will be made up of 5 parts:

**Splash Pad:** The Saint Paul Parks Systems Plan advocates more access to free aquatic facilities throughout the city and recommends a splash pad at Merriam Park. The Merriam Park Master plan also calls for a splash pad.

**Play Area**: The Merriam Park Play Area is 22 years old and ranks #8 on the Tot lot assessment list due to safety, access, and existing condition of the park facilities. The play area is located in the Union Park neighborhood of Saint Paul where, according to US Census data, 24.9% of households have children under the age of 18.

**Skate Park:** Merriam Skate Park was constructed in 2003 and is one of two skate parks located in the city of Saint Paul and is a major draw for teenagers and skating enthusiasts. Due to its popularity, the modular equipment is wearing out and needs an update.

**Field Improvements:** The fields are in poor condition resulting in standing water in the spring and a hard compacted surface over the summer. Soccer field use includes: Ramsey middle school, Four Seasons elementary school, The Merriam Park soccer program, and St. Thomas students for ultimate Frisbee. Baseball fields are primarily used by younger age groups from the Midway youth Organization and Highland little league.

**East Entry Gateway Arch/Fence**: The entrance to Merriam Park along Prior is the most visible and active entrance, but it is not designed as a welcoming feature to the park. Currently both pedestrian and Parks and Recreation parks maintenance vehicle access is from an opening along a rusty 5' chain link fence that extends the length of the east side of the park. The Merriam Park Master plan recommends a Gateway style entrance and updated path. An on-street bicycle path is also located on Prior Avenue.

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project will preserve and improve an existing community asset and provide a unique outdoor aquatic amenity that will attract people from surrounding communities.

Points Points Possible Awarded

10

Project Importance Score:

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

This project will replace the existing play equipment that is inaccessible to those with disabilities and does not meet current CPSC playground safety standards. The play area is an existing asset to the community that requires improvement and updating to meet current standards.

The updated gateway will increase the visibility to the most used entrance into Merriam Park.

The current skate park is one of two facilities within in the City of Saint Paul and will be 13 years old by the time it is eligible for new funding. Due to heavy use and weather, the wood panels are deteriorating and metal transitions are separating from its surfacing. Internally, some of the ramp frames are on the verge of failing and have recently been reinforced by Parks Maintenance staff. Offering skate park facilities provides skateboarders a safe place to recreate that is free of vehicular and pedestrian conflicts

found on the streets and sidewalks. A concrete skate park offers less maintenance and safety concerns and a longer lifespan than modular equipment.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Merriam Park Community Council and the Parks and Recreation Department are working hand in hand to implement the approved master plan. We have met several times already to discuss this proposal to make sure we are in alignment with the proposed park amenities. Two CIB requests for improvements at Merriam Park had previously been submitted by the community.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the surrounding neighborhood by providing an up-to-date neighborhood park that will provide a community gathering place, diverse recreational opportunities, and will be safe place for children to play.

The Entry Gateway Arch along Prior Avenue will provide an iconic entry into the most used entrance of the park.

The play area renovation will provide ADA accessibility and reduce the likelihood of injury by meeting current CPSC safety guidelines.

The splash pad will add interest to the park by providing the community with a free aquatic facility that does not require staffing. Currently there are only two other splash pads within St. Paul.

Offering skate park facilities keeps skateboarders off the streets by providing them with a safe place to recreate.

Ball field improvements will provide a safe field surface that can better withstand the use from the various groups that use the facility.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The Merriam Park Project will improve upon a long term investment to the surrounding residents.

An updated concrete skate park will help demonstrate the City's commitment to providing diverse recreational opportunities and improve an existing asset by creating a custom facility for a growing sport that the community can be proud of. Concrete skate parks require less maintenance and have a longer lifespan than modular varieties.

The play area renovation will provide ADA accessibility and reduce the likelihood of injury by meeting current CPSC safety guidelines.

The concept of a play area/splash pad is noted in the 2010 Parks System Plan.

Providing an updated playing field surface will reduce the likelihood of injury, provide options for sports activity, and reduce the impact of weather conditions due to improved drainage.



### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

64, 831 people visited the Merriam Park Recreation Center in 2013. (2014 data not yet available)

According to American Community Survey:

The Union Park Neighborhood has a population of 17,427 from data collected between 2008-2012.

The Union Park Neighborhood population by race/ethnicity includes: 80% White, 9% black, 6% Hispanic, 3% Asian, and 2% two or more races.

74% of the population falls between the ages of 18-64. This is higher than the City of Saint Paul average of 66%.

24.9% of households have children under the age of 18.

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### CF-1303216 Merriam Park Implementation

Phase Detail										
FinStartEndYearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	60	46	0	0	0	106
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	644	492	0	0	0	1,136
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	38	29	0	0	0	67
Design	CIB			0	53	40	0	0	0	93
Total:				0	795	607	0	0	0	1,402

### Phase Summary

			Yearly Amount	: (in Thousa	nds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	60	46	0	0	0	106	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	644	492	0	0	0	1,136	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	38	29	0	0	0	67	100.0%
Design	0	53	40	0	0	0	93	100.0%
Total:	0	795	607	0	0	0	1,402	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	60	46	0	0	0	106	
	Construction/Rehab	0	644	492	0	0	0	1,136	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	38	29	0	0	0	67	
	Design	0	53	40	0	0	0	93	
		0	795	607	0	0	0	1,402	100.0%
Total:		0	795	607	0	0	0	1,402	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Wilder Recreation Center Renovation

Proposing Agency or Group: - Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services, East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.

Proposer's Address: - 823 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, 925 Payne Ave, #201, St. Paul, MN 55130

Contact Person: - Jim Erchul, John Vaughn

Phone Number: - 651-774-2704, 651-288-8746

Email Address: - jerchul@dbnhs.org, jvaughn@esndc.org

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 958 Jessie Street

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 5 – Payne-Phalen

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This Community Facilities project will add a second story classroom addition and a greenhouse to the Wilder Recreation Center. It also will correct deficiencies to the existing structure including settling and sewer problems. The estimated project cost is \$3,000,000.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

In addition to serving as a neighborhood recreation center and being an anchor institution in a challenged part of the Payne-Phalen community, the Wilder Recreation Center is home to City Academy High School (CAHS), the nation's first charter school. Through a unique partnership with St. Paul Parks and Recreation, that began in 1992, CAHS leases the recreation center for use as its school facility. CAHS serves "at risk youth" ages 15-21 (75% of the students are 18+) who experienced failure in other educational settings. Annually, approximately 180 students, who reflect the demographics of the surrounding neighborhood, are enrolled at CAHS. St. Paul Parks and Recreation primarily uses the facility, after school hours and on weekends, to provide community programming including after school learning programs for elementary school age children. The Wilder Recreation Center was designed by famous St. Paul architect, Clarence Wesley "Cap" Wigington, the nation's first black municipal

architect. It's construction was completed in 1941, by the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Because of the sleek style of its design, it and the Hamline Play Ground Stone Shelter, have been termed "WPA Moderne" by architectural historians. In 2002, an addition was added to the south side of the building, by St. Paul Parks and Recreation, to provide additional office, classroom and meeting space for CAHS. When the addition was built, it already was inadequate in size given the space needs of its intended uses, but it was all they could afford at the time. Unfortunately, it now appears the addition was built incorrectly. It is showing signs of settling and there are numerous cracks where the addition joins the original "WPA Moderne" portion of the building. The sewer in the original building also backs up at least three to four times a year. In 2009, a team of architects, engineers and other construction professionals designed a second story addition to the facility that included a small greenhouse on the roof. The addition was designed to LEED Platinum standards to provide adequate classroom space for CAHS. The greenhouse was included to support CAHS' sustainable agriculture curriculum and school lunch program. In 2009, the design team's preliminary cost estimate, including fixtures and planning costs, was \$2,043,600. Today, including the sewer work and the work to address the settling, the estimate is \$3,000,000. We are proposing, this work be done with Capital Improvement Budget financing. In return, CAHS' annual rent would be increased from \$69,000 annually, to the maximum rent the State of Minnesota will allow, which is approximately \$110,000 annually.

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

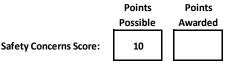
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The Wilder Recreation Center Renovation will correct existing structural and mechanical issues including settling and sewer backups. The project also includes adding a classroom addition with a greenhouse, and updating the building's mechanical systems. The addition is intended to eliminate overcrowding and improve the functionality of the Center. Mechanical upgrades, which are intended to meet LEED Platinum design standards, will make use of Wigington's original innovative natural airflow venting system. The overall project will be a model and laboratory that promotes neighborhood sustainability and youth success. It will serve as a fitting tribute to one of St. Paul's most famous African American leaders, who we believe would be pleased to see his WPA-designed building being modernized, to better serve youth in the community, as he originally intended it to do. CAHS always has a waiting list of "at risk youth" who want to get their high school diploma and participate in CAHS' job training and college preparatory programs.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

This renovation project will address the deficiencies cited in the St. Paul Fire Department's Certificate of Occupancy Report dated July 9, 2014. Specifically, the wall and floor cracks, which appear to be caused by the building's settling. It also will address the sewer backup problem, which was not cited, but has been an ongoing problem for a number of years.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The project is strongly supported by the applicant organizations and by the neighbors adjacent to the park. The building serves as the base for a number of neighborhood collaborations and partnerships that help "at risk youth' succeed. In addition to its Minnesota Department of Education Ideas annual funding in the amount of \$1,300,000; CAHS receives funding, from the Department of Employment and Economic Development, for its YouthBuild Program. This program provides "at risk youth" job training and helps them access apprenticeships in the construction trades. In 2013, in conjunction with Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services, the program received a three-year federal Department of Labor grant. This allows the program to serve 48 additional youth. Through the DOL effort, the youth are completely renovating a historic vacant house, in the Railroad Island neighborhood. This "hands on" work site project is leveraging \$266,000 of investment from US Bank, the Metropolitan Council and other sources. We expect the Department of Labor funding will continue, since the program is exceeding its performance goals. Other partners CAHS works with include: Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, Century College, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, and the Apprenticeship Coordinators Association of Minnesota. All of these organizations have come together to help the YouthBuild participants not just succeed, but excel.

> Possible Demonstrated Support Score: 10

Points Points Possible Awarded

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

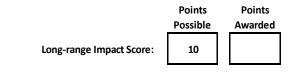
The project will ensure this valuable community facility continues to be a vibrant neighborhood anchor institution that contributes to the neighborhood's positive evolution. The sustainable activities it demonstrates, promotes, and teaches will improve the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood, and serve to enhance and reinforce the multitude of other green activities and green businesses that call the East

Side home. In a broader context, as the neighborhood competes in the Twin Cities marketplace, positioning it as a neighborhood that offers a walkable, sustainable green lifestyle gives it a competitive advantage. Ultimately, the totality of all of these green efforts will increase property values and improve the City as a whole. The fact the facility also houses one of the most successful programs in the United States, serving "at risk youth" who have dropped out of high school, means it addresses a critical neighborhood and City-wide need.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

As has been previously described, the renovation plans focus on achieving the highest environmental design standards (LEED Platinum) practical in a project of this nature. This will reduce heating and cooling costs, as well as maintenance and repair costs. The project will ensure the continued viability of a historic WPA Moderne park building. And, although it is somewhat ironic and maybe even a bit sad, that such efforts are still necessary, it will help ensure the building continues to further the goals the WPA was created to do in the first place. Most importantly, the 180 "at risk youth" CAHS graduates and assists by helping them enroll in post-secondary education and/or get started on a career path, saves society and the City countless public dollars. In the end, this project is simply the right thing to do.



### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The Wilder Recreation Center is located at the juncture of three census tracts. These three census tracts are some of the most ethnically diverse and impoverished census tracts in St. Paul. The percentage of households with very low and low incomes, in the block groups making up these census tracts, varies from a high of 95.2% to a low of 53.7%. The average is 74.2% very low and low income households. A community profile, compiled by NeighborWorks® America for DBNHS and ESNDC's Community of Choice Initiative Target Area, the boundaries of which surround the Recreation Center, in a six to eight block radius, shows the poverty rate to be 33.8%. A total of 39% of the households in the target area earn less than \$25,000 annually, with 63% of the households earning less than \$50,000 annually. The target area's minority population is 70%. Of its total population of 7,154 residents, 33% of the residents are under 18 years

of age and 21% of the households with children are single, female-headed households. The tenure mix of the housing in the neighborhood is split evenly between homeowners (50%) and renters (50%); with 60% of the renters paying more than 30% of their income for rent.

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### CF-0503425 Wilder Recreation Center Renovation

Phase Detail										
FinStartEndYearly Amount (in thousands)						ands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	210	0	0	0	0	210
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	2,727	0	0	0	2,727
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	0	131	0	0	0	131
Design	CIB			0	183	0	0	0	0	183
Total:				0	393	2,858	0	0	0	3,251

### **Phase Summary**

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	210	0	0	0	0	210	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	2,727	0	0	0	2,727	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	131	0	0	0	131	100.0%
Design	0	183	0	0	0	0	183	100.0%
Total:	0	393	2,858	0	0	0	3,251	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			١	early Amount	<b>t</b> ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	210	0	0	0	0	210	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	2,727	0	0	0	2,727	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	131	0	0	0	131	
	Design	0	183	0	0	0	0	183	
		0	393	2,858	0	0	0	3,251	100.0%
Total:		0	393	2,858	0	0	0	3,251	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Fire Station 7

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Fire Department

Proposer's Address: - 645 Randolph Ave

Contact Person: - John Swanson

Phone Number: - 651-228-6256

Email Address: - john.swanson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1038 Ross Ave

### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 4 – Dayton's Bluff

### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The Fire Department would like to replace existing Fire Station 7 (Ross Avenue and Earl Street). The new station would include a drive-through four bay, two-story fire station containing dormitory rooms on the second floor and apparatus and firefighter support spaces on the ground floor.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Fire Station 7 is 80+ years old and is in the worst shape of any active fire station. There is no room for a medic unit, which is sorely needed in the lower East Side/Dayton's Bluff area. Replacement of this station would close an EMS service gap and reduce response times across the system.

### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The changing demographics of the East Side and Dayton's Bluff neighborhoods have increased the demand for emergency medical assets in those areas. Station 7 holds fire units, but no EMS transport unit and no paramedic personnel. The current layout of the station and its advanced age and deteriorating condition preclude adding an EMS

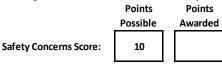
vehicle and personnel to the existing station. A new Fire Station 7 would allow the fire department to move a medic unit and paramedic personnel into the station while maintaining fire assets in an area of the City where both fire and EMS demands and risks are high. The rebuilding of an expanded Fire Station 7 was the subject of a 2009 Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Fire Station Construction and Remodeling (part of the federal stimulus package). Due to intense nationwide competition and dwindling of the available federal grant-funds, the federal grant was not approved. That federal grant was not offered again.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
Score:	10	

**Project Importance** 

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Not only would this project close a major Fire/EMS service gap for East Side residents and businesses, it would provide a more effective Fire Department response to important commercial corridors along Payne Avenue, Arcade Street, East 7th Street, and the Phalen Parkway. Surrounding areas in Wards 2, 5, 6, and 7 would benefit from not having "their" medical and fire units used to cover the EMS gap near Station 7. Fire doubles in size every minute it burns. If the Fire Department can reach a burning home in 4 minutes, we can contain the fire to the room origin and save the home. If we arrive in 8 minutes, we can save the neighbor's home! When someone suffers a heart attack, their chances of survival drop 10% for every minute it takes the Fire Department to arrive. This project will ensure shorter response times for a significant area of the City.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project was the subject of an unsuccessful grant application in 2009 (American Revitalization and Reinvestment Act grant from FEMA "Fire Station Construction Grant"). It was also the subject of unsuccessful CIB requests for the 2010-2011, 2012-2013 and the 2014-2015 CIB process. The Fire Department invests considerable time and resources into maintaining Station 7, and would continue to maintain and repair the new and expanded facility using department expertise and resources.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or

property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping. public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project was the subject of an unsuccessful grant application in 2009 (American Revitalization and Reinvestment Act grant from FEMA "Fire Station Construction Grant"). It was also the subject of unsuccessful CIB requests for the 2010-2011, 2012-2013 and the 2014-2015 CIB process. The Fire Department invests considerable time and resources into maintaining Station 7, and would continue to maintain and repair the new and expanded facility using department expertise and resources.

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5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

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This project would allow the fire department to improve fire and EMS coverage on the East Side and replace an aging fire station in very poor condition. The rebuilding of Station 7 is a one-time investment that will create on-going benefits to the entire East Side and the surrounding areas. By not having to have "their" neighborhood resources sent to cover a service gap near Station 7, all areas of the City will benefit from this improvement in the City's critical infrastructure. Making the one-time infrastructure improvement also precludes other alternatives to improving EMS service in the area, like moving Ladder 7 out of the station in order to make room for an EMS unit.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

Section D – Additional Information 1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

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#### CF-0402895 Replace Fire Station 7

Phase Detail												
	Fin	Start	End	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				in thousands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	289	0	0	0	0	289		
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	5,357	0	0	0	0	5,357		
Total:				0	5,646	0	0	0	0	5,646		

#### **Phase Summary**

Yearly Amount (in Thous						3)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	289	0	0	0	0	289	100.0%		
Construction/Rehab	0	5,357	0	0	0	0	5,357	100.0%		
Total:	0	5,646	0	0	0	0	5,646	100.0%		

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary** Fin Yearly Amount ( in thousands) Code Phase **Prior Appr** 2016 2017 2018 2019 % of Total 2020 Total CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds Const-Plans/Spec's 0 289 0 0 0 0 289 Construction/Rehab 0 5,357 0 0 0 0 5,357 0 5,646 0 0 0 0 5,646 100.0% Total: 0 0 5,646 0 0 0 5,646 100.0%

Project Title: - Fire Station 17

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Fire Department

Proposer's Address: - 645 Randolph Ave

Contact Person: - John Swanson

Phone Number: - 651-228-6256

Email Address: - john.swanson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1226 Payne Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 5 – Payne-Phalen

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The Fire Department would like to replace existing Fire Station 17 (Hawthorne Street and Maryland Avenue). The new station would include a new drive-through three bay, two-story fire station containing dormitory rooms on the second floor and apparatus and firefighter support spaces on the ground floor.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Fire Station 17 is 80+ years old and is in poor condition. It cannot hold the crew or vehicles needed in the Payne-Arcade, Payne-Phalen, North End, and Upper East Side. Replacement of this station would close a Fire/EMS service gap and reduce response times across the system.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

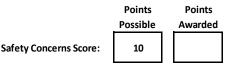
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The changing demographics of the Upper East Side, Payne/Arcade, Payne-Phalen, and North End neighborhoods have increased the demand for emergency medical assets in those areas. Station 17 holds a single fire/paramedic crew, and when that crew is out of their service area for any reason (training, equipment repairs, emergency runs, at the hospital, etc.), there is no fire or EMS coverage between Earl and Jackson Streets, and Minnehaha and Larpenteur Avenues; coverage for that area has to come from fire stations located on the East Side, Swede Hollow, North End, and Dayton's Bluff areas. This known service gap could be closed by placing 2 additional firefighters at this station, but the current age and layout of the station preclude remodeling or suitable living space accommodations. The rebuilding of an expanded Fire Station 17 was the subject of a 2009 Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant application for Fire Station Construction and Remodeling (part of the federal stimulus package). Due to intense nationwide competition and dwindling of the available federal grant-funds, the federal grant was not approved. That federal grant was not offered again.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

# 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Not only would this project close a major Fire/EMS service gap for East Side, Payne/Arcade, and North End residents and businesses, it would provide a more effective Fire Department response to important commercial corridors along Payne Avenue, Arcade, Maryland, and the Phalen Parkway. Surrounding areas in Wards 2, 5, 6, and 7 would benefit from not having "their" medical and fire units used to cover the EMS gap near Station 17. Fire doubles in size every minute it burns. If the Fire Department can reach a burning home in 4 minutes, we can contain the fire to the room origin and save the home. If we arrive in 8 minutes, we can save the neighbor's home! When someone suffers a heart attack, their chances of survival drop 10% for every minute it takes the Fire Department to arrive. This project will ensure shorter response times for a significant area of the City.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project was the subject of an unsuccessful grant application in 2009 (American Revitalization and Reinvestment Act grant from FEMA "Fire Station Construction Grant"). It was also the subject of unsuccessful CIB requests for the 2010-2011 and the 2012-2013 CIB process. The Fire Department invests considerable time and resources into maintaining Station 17, and would continue to maintain and repair the new and expanded facility using department expertise and resources.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The fire department will be able to provide better medical and fire response services to the North End and Upper East Side area.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

This project would allow the fire department to improve fire and EMS coverage on the East Side and replace an aging fire station in very poor condition. The rebuilding of Station 17 is a one-time investment that will create on-going benefits to the entire Payne/Arcade neighborhood and the surrounding areas. By not having to have "their" neighborhood resources sent to cover a service gap near Station 17, all areas of the City will benefit from this improvement in the City's critical infrastructure. Making the one-time infrastructure improvement also reduces maintenance costs for continual maintenance and repairs on this old fire station.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

<u>Section D – Additional Information</u> 1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

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#### CF-0502896 Replace Fire Station 17

Phase Detail												
	Fin	Start	End					in thousands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	289	0	0	0	0	289		
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	4,883	0	0	0	0	4,883		
Total:				0	5,172	0	0	0	0	5,172		

#### **Phase Summary**

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	289	0	0	0	0	289	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	4,883	0	0	0	0	4,883	100.0%
Total:	0	5,172	0	0	0	0	5,172	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary** Fin Yearly Amount ( in thousands) Code Phase **Prior Appr** 2016 2017 2018 2019 % of Total 2020 Total CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds Const-Plans/Spec's 0 289 0 0 0 0 289 Construction/Rehab 0 4,883 0 0 0 0 4,883 100.0% 0 5,172 0 0 0 0 5,172 Total: 0 0 5,172 0 0 0 5,172 100.0%

Project Title: - Fire Station 20

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Fire Department

Proposer's Address: - 645 Randolph Ave

Contact Person: - John Swanson

Phone Number: - 651-228-6256

Email Address: - john.swanson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 2179 University Ave West

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 11 – Hamline Midway Coalition

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The Fire Department would like to replace existing Fire Station 20 (University Avenue). The new station would include a drive-through four bay, two-story fire station containing dormitory rooms on the second floor and apparatus and firefighter support spaces on the ground floor.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Station 20 is 90+ years old and is in poor shape. The station cannot hold the fire engine, ambulance, and firefighters needed to protect the new development along the central corridor light rail line. This area has already seen hundreds of additional housing units added as a result of the light rail line development.

#### <u>Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria</u>

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The changing demographics along the central corridor have increased the demand for fire and emergency medical assets in this area. The current layout of the station and its advanced age and deteriorating condition preclude adding additional fire or EMS vehicles and personnel to the existing station. A new Fire Station 20 would allow the fire department to add additional fire and medic assets into the station.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Not only would this project close a major Fire/EMS service gap for the central corridor area residents and businesses, it would provide a more effective Fire Department response to multi-story residential and commercial properties in the area. Fire doubles in size every minute it burns. If the Fire Department can reach a burning home in 4 minutes, we can contain the fire to the room origin and save the home. If we arrive in 8 minutes, we can save the neighbor's home! When someone suffers a heart attack, their chances of survival drop 10% for every minute it takes the Fire Department to arrive. This project will ensure shorter response times for a significant area of the City.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

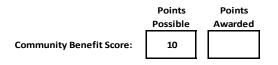
The Fire Department invests considerable time and resources into maintaining Station 20, and would continue to maintain and repair the new and expanded facility using department expertise and resources.

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	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awardeo
ted Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The fire department will be able to provide better medical and fire response services to the central corridor area, and provide a solid public safety foundation for continued economic growth along the light rail line area.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

This project would allow the fire department to improve fire and EMS coverage along the central corridor and replace an aging fire station in very poor condition. The rebuilding of Station 20 is a one-time investment that will create on-going benefits to the entire Northwest side and the surrounding areas. By not having to have "their" neighborhood resources sent to cover a service gap near Station 20, all areas of the City will benefit from this improvement in the City's critical infrastructure.

Long-range Impact Score:



Section D – Additional Information

1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

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#### CF-1103219 Fire Station 20

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	289	0	0	0	0	289
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	5,357	0	0	0	0	5,357
Total:				0	5,646	0	0	0	0	5,646

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amount	( in Thousar	nds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	289	0	0	0	0	289	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	5,357	0	0	0	0	5,357	100.0%
Total:	0	5,646	0	0	0	0	5,646	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary** Fin Yearly Amount ( in thousands) Code Phase **Prior Appr** 2016 2017 2018 2019 % of Total 2020 Total CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds Const-Plans/Spec's 0 289 0 0 0 0 289 Construction/Rehab 0 5,357 0 0 0 0 5,357 100.0% 0 5,646 0 0 0 0 5,646 Total: 0 0 0 0 5,646 0 5,646 100.0%

Project Title: - Hamline Midway Library Modernization

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Public Library Agency

Proposer's Address: - 90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Tony Yang

Phone Number: - 651-266-7085

Email Address: - Tony.Yang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1558 Minnehaha Avenue West, 55104

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 11 – Hamline Midway Coatlition

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

SPPL proposes to upgrade the Hamline Midway Library to meet 21st century library standards, resulting in greater staff operating efficiency and building energy-efficiency, a more welcoming building with more flexible/multi-purpose spaces for individual and group learning, community gatherings, and be adaptable to varied and emerging technology.

#### <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Hamline Midway Library is part of the Saint Paul Public Library system and as such we have an obligation to maintain the structure and ensure it continues to meet the needs of the community. The proposed project is particularly important for this library branch, because it has strong standing in the community as a center of engagement and it is dearly loved by the community. As one of the older buildings in the Saint Paul Public Library system, it has suffered from the inevitable wear and tear of age. In addition, it requires significant upgrades to bring it to an acceptable level of technological flexibility. This includes streamlining check-in and check-out; state-of-the-art projection capabilities in meeting rooms; individual and group study spaces with robust wireless connectivity; and flexible furnishings which allow for customers to use their own laptops, tablets or hand-held devices. In general, we focus more on space for people while making sure that the collection is the right size and the right composition to meet demand.

The neighborhood has recently formed a Friends of the Hamline Midway Library Group in order to demonstrate their support for library services. Our modernization efforts will ensure zoning of available space so that individuals, families, and groups can co-exist while engaged in different activities.

This project will not be phased although small cosmetic changes occurred in 2013 which began the process of modernization. Unlike some of our recent modernization projects, Hamline Midway will require much more structural repair in addition to renovation of the interior. This will include updating heating and cooling infrastructure.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The Library's 2011 Facilities Assessment rated conditions of each library. Hamline Midway was one of four libraries with only a "fair" rating. Construction was completed in 2014 on 2 of the 4 libraries, Highland Park and Sun Ray, to address deficiencies. Hamline Midway should be addressed next. This project will stabilize the structural and mechanical integrity of the building and will vastly improve its functionality and efficiencies. The major work includes: upgrade the stage and auditorium for multi-use, add suitable access to the stage, improve book drop and services, improve staging areas for materials receiving and handling, upgrade interior and exterior signage, update reading tables, chairs and study desks, self-check stations, data & communications systems upgrades, internet & user needs upgrades, boiler and chiller replacement, upgrade ventilation systems and controls, upgrade restrooms, replace water heater; other work include re-caulking and seal exterior openings, carpet replacement, some space need to be repainted.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Importance Score:	10		

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

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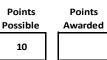
Upgrade existing lighting

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Hamline Midway enjoys enthusiastic community support. SPPL proposes no increase in staffing after the modernization project's completion and we may expect a modest savings in heating, cooling, and maintenance costs. The streamlining of the staff side of the building will improve circulation workflow and should help to keep repetitive stress injuries low. This is the first time the project has been proposed; it does not leverage outside funding. Our community engagement process will begin once we secure funding for this project – as we did for Arlington, Sun Ray and Highland Park.

Demonstrated Support Score:



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Library service is cherished in Saint Paul and the Hamline Midway neighborhood has demonstrated repeatedly that they value the availability of programming for children and adults; access to materials; and a comfortable meeting space. Wireless access and classes have become increasingly important to all ages.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The Hamline Midway Library was built in 1930 and displays both the charm and the challenge of an historical building. As stated above, improvements in heating, cooling and plumbing should result in savings in utilities, but those costs are difficult to predict. What is known is that the boilers have reached the end of their life expectancy and the space does not currently allow customers to enjoy the full range of technological possibility. Modernization of Hamline Midway Library will help Saint Paul Public Library reach its goals of providing customers with 21st century libraries.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The Circulation count for Hamlin for 2013 was just under 100,000 and Hamline had 90,000 visits.

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#### CF-1103282 Hamline Midway Branch Library Modernization

				Phase De	tail					
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	38	0	0	0	0	38
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	1,224	0	0	0	0	1,224
Equipment/Furnishing	CIB			0	83	0	0	0	0	83
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	49	0	0	0	0	49
Contingency	CIB			0	184	0	0	0	0	184
Public Improvements	CIB			0	179	0	0	0	0	179
Design	CIB			0	208	0	0	0	0	208
Total:				0	1,965	0	0	0	0	1,965

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	38	0	0	0	0	38	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	1,224	0	0	0	0	1,224	100.0%
Equipment/Furnishing	0	83	0	0	0	0	83	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	49	0	0	0	0	49	100.0%
Contingency	0	184	0	0	0	0	184	100.0%
Public Improvements	0	179	0	0	0	0	179	100.0%
Design	0	208	0	0	0	0	208	100.0%
Total:	0	1,965	0	0	0	0	1,965	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			`	Yearly Amoun	t ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	38	0	0	0	0	38	
	Construction/Rehab	0	1,224	0	0	0	0	1,224	
	Equipment/Furnishing	0	83	0	0	0	0	83	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	49	0	0	0	0	49	
	Contingency	0	184	0	0	0	0	184	
	Public Improvements	0	179	0	0	0	0	179	
	Design	0	208	0	0	0	0	208	
		0	1,965	0	0	0	0	1,965	100.0%
Total:		0	1,965	0	0	0	0	1,965	100.0%

Project Title: - Hayden Heights Library Modernization

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Public Library Agency

Proposer's Address: - 90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Tony Yang

Phone Number: - 651-266-7085

Email Address: - Tony.Yang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1456 White Bear Avenue, 55106

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 2 – Greater East Side

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

SPPL proposes to upgrade the Hayden Heights Library to meet 21st century library standards, resulting in greater staff operating efficiency, a more welcoming building with more flexible/multi-purpose spaces for individual and collaborative learning, community gatherings, and be adaptable to varied and emerging technology.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Hayden Heights was constructed in 1979. The building is in good condition; however it requires significant updating to bring it to an acceptable level of technological flexibility and staff efficiency. This includes streamlining check-in and check-out, state-of-the-art projection capabilities in meeting rooms, individual and group study spaces with robust wireless connectivity, flexible furnishings with ease of access to outlets which allow for customers to use their own laptops, tablets or hand-held devices, and a single service point instead of the two desk model. In general, we focus more on space for people while making sure that the collection is the right size and the right composition to meet demand. Our modernization efforts will ensure zoning of available space so that individuals, families and groups have space dedicated to their unique needs in the Library.

This project will not be phased.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Hayden Heights is a clean lined building with no street level windows. It's fairly anonymous on a busy commercial street. Modernizing the building with additional street level windows allows more natural light into the building and creates a more open and inviting space with visual access at pedestrian level making it easier to identify the building as a library. This project will create customer friendly self-service zones for ease of access to computers and copiers, greatly increasing functionality of the space. Major work will include installing bike racks for customers to use, cut new windows, modify book drop and materials handling area, modify space to meet needs of different users, enhance meeting space with kitchenette/sink and cabinets, create a teen zone and internet lounge, enhance way-finding with new interior and exterior signs, new reading tables, chairs and study desks, upgrade materials handling equipment, equipment for self-check in and self-check out, data and communications upgrade, internet and user needs upgrades. Other work will include replacing main entrance door, some painting needed on the interior and exterior walls, refurbish bathrooms.

Points Points Possible 10

Awarded

Project Importance Score:

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Renovation of the public restrooms and replacing glass at back elevation of the building with laminated security glazing will increase security for the building and patrons.

> Points Points Possible Awarded 10

Safety Concerns Score:

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Hayden Heights enjoys enthusiastic community support. We may expect a modest improvement in heating, cooling, and maintenance costs. The streamlining of the staff side of the building will improve circulation workflow and should help to keep repetitive stress injuries low. This is the first time the project has been proposed; it does not leverage outside funding. Our community engagement process would begin once we secure funding for a project – as it did on Arlington, Sun Ray and Highland.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded	
Demonstrated Support Score:	10		

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Library service is cherished in Saint Paul and the Hayden Heights neighborhood has demonstrated repeatedly that they value the availability of programming for children and adults; access to materials; and a comfortable meeting space. Wireless access and classes have become increasingly important to all ages. An updated exterior and interior signage as well as a new door for the main entrance will greatly improve library identification. Repairs to chipped exterior bricks will enhance its' appearance.

 Points
 Points

 Possible
 Awarded

 Community Benefit Score:
 10

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The Hayden Heights Library was built in 1979. As stated above, improvements in heating, cooling and plumbing should result in savings in utilities, but those costs are difficult to predict. What is known is that the boilers have reached the end of their life expectancy and must be replaced. The space does not currently allow customers to enjoy the full range of technological possibility. Modernization of Hayden Heights Library will help SPPL reach its goals of providing customers with 21st century libraries.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Hayden Heights saw a significant increase in door count and internet use from 2013 to 2014. Some of the change may be due to the temporary closure of Sun Ray Library for renovations in 2014; however, the increase demonstrates the importance of this library branch to this community:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Internet	3,425	22,540
Door count	30.173	122,463

Circulation also increased significantly during this same period, from 43,221 in 2013 to 141,228 in 2014.

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#### CF-0203410 Hayden Heights Library Modernization

				Phase De	etail					
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	19	0	0	0	0	19
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	708	0	0	0	0	708
Equipment/Furnishing	CIB			0	160	0	0	0	0	160
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	43	0	0	0	0	43
Contingency	CIB			0	106	0	0	0	0	106
Public Improvements	CIB			0	141	0	0	0	0	141
Design	CIB			0	106	0	0	0	0	106
Total:				0	1,283	0	0	0	0	1,283

### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	708	0	0	0	0	708	100.0%
Equipment/Furnishing	0	160	0	0	0	0	160	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	100.0%
Contingency	0	106	0	0	0	0	106	100.0%
Public Improvements	0	141	0	0	0	0	141	100.0%
Design	0	106	0	0	0	0	106	100.0%
Total:	0	1,283	0	0	0	0	1,283	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousands	5)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	
	Construction/Rehab	0	708	0	0	0	0	708	
	Equipment/Furnishing	0	160	0	0	0	0	160	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	43	0	0	0	0	43	
	Contingency	0	106	0	0	0	0	106	
	Public Improvements	0	141	0	0	0	0	141	
	Design	0	106	0	0	0	0	106	
		0	1,283	0	0	0	0	1,283	100.0%
Total:		0	1,283	0	0	0	0	1,283	100.0%

Project Title: - Riverview Library Modernization

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Public Library Agency

Proposer's Address: - 90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Tony Yang

Phone Number: - 651-266-7085

Email Address: - Tony.Yang@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1 East George Street, 55107

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 3 – West Side

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

SPPL proposes to upgrade the Riverview Library to meet 21st century library standards, resulting in greater staff operating efficiency and building energy-efficiency, a more welcoming building with more flexible/multi-purpose spaces for individual and group learning, community gatherings, and be adaptable to varied and emerging technology.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Riverview Library, a Carnegie, was constructed in 1917. With the exception of an accessibility addition and some repairs to the roof/ceiling in the 1980's there has been no updating to this library. As one of the older buildings in the system, it has suffered from the inevitable wear and tear of age. In addition, it requires significant upgrades to bring it to an acceptable level of technological flexibility which include streamlining check-in and check-out, book drop into the library, state-of-the-art projection capabilities in meeting rooms, individual and group study spaces with robust wireless connectivity, an early literacy environment and flexible furnishings which allow for customers to use their own laptops, tablets or hand-held devices. The bathroom in the lower level need to be renovation. The focus is on creating efficient and inviting space for library customers while making sure that the collection is the right size and the right space to meet the needs of different users, different times of the day, group and individual learning, quiet reading space, homework center and computer lab.

This project will not be phased. Unlike some of our recent modernization projects, Riverview will require much more structural repair in addition to renovation of the interior. This will include updating heating and cooling infrastructure.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The Library's 2011 Facilities Assessment gave Riverview a "fair" rating. Water migrating into the lower level where there are significant library programming is a critical issue for this building. The Assessment recommended that the boiler be replaced by 2014. This project will stabilize the structural and mechanical integrity of the building and will vastly improve its functionality and efficiencies. In addition the creation of customer self-service zones for copies and printing near the service desk will greatly increase ease of access for our customers and increase staff efficiency.

,	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

There is significant moisture in the lower level of this library branch. Creating drainage and waterproofing the basement will be critical to sustaining the lower level for homework and youth activities space.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10		

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Riverview enjoys enthusiastic community support. The Immersive Literacy Program is an especially important part of services offered by this branch. SPPL may expect a modest savings in heating, cooling, and maintenance costs. The streamlining of the staff side of the building will improve circulation workflow and should help to keep repetitive stress injuries low. This is the first time the project has been proposed; it does not leverage outside funding. Our community engagement process would begin once we secure funding for a project – as we did for Arlington, Sun Ray and Highland.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

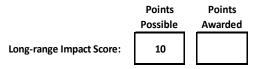
4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The carpet needs to be replaced. Library service is cherished in Saint Paul and the Riverview neighborhood values the availability of programming for children and adults; access to materials; and a comfortable meeting space. Wireless access and classes have become increasingly important to all ages. The library building has enjoyed community support through the addition of a mosaic in the lower level, landscaping and outdoor lighting.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

As stated above, improvements in heating, cooling and plumbing should result in savings in utilities, but those costs are difficult to predict. What is known is that the boilers have reached the end of their life expectancy and the space does not currently allow customers to enjoy the full range of technological possibility. Modernization of Riverview Library will help SPPL reach its goals of providing customers with 21st century libraries.



Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Circulation for the Riverview branch for 2013 was 75,000, and 75,000 visits.

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#### CF-0303419 Riverview Library Modernization

				Phase De	etail					
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	64	0	0	0	0	64
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	768	0	0	0	0	768
Equipment/Furnishing	CIB			0	122	0	0	0	0	122
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	46	0	0	0	0	46
Contingency	CIB			0	115	0	0	0	0	115
Public Improvements	CIB			0	173	0	0	0	0	173
Design	CIB			0	115	0	0	0	0	115
Total:				0	1,403	0	0	0	0	1,403

### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	64	0	0	0	0	64	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	768	0	0	0	0	768	100.0%
Equipment/Furnishing	0	122	0	0	0	0	122	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	46	0	0	0	0	46	100.0%
Contingency	0	115	0	0	0	0	115	100.0%
Public Improvements	0	173	0	0	0	0	173	100.0%
Design	0	115	0	0	0	0	115	100.0%
Total:	0	1,403	0	0	0	0	1,403	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	64	0	0	0	0	64	
	Construction/Rehab	0	768	0	0	0	0	768	
	Equipment/Furnishing	0	122	0	0	0	0	122	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	46	0	0	0	0	46	
	Contingency	0	115	0	0	0	0	115	
	Public Improvements	0	173	0	0	0	0	173	
	Design	0	115	0	0	0	0	115	
		0	1,403	0	0	0	0	1,403	100.0%
Total:		0	1,403	0	0	0	0	1,403	100.0%

Project Title: - New Facility for Training, Special Investigative Task Force Office, & Communication Services & Maintenance

Proposing Agency or Group: - Saint Paul Police Department

Proposer's Address: - 367 Grove Street

Contact Person: - Sgt. Stacy Murphy

Phone Number: - 651-266-5580

Email Address: - stacy.murphy@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Citywide

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

Citywide

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Citywide

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The police department is looking to replace the Annex Building located at 100 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The new facility will be utilized for an indoor shooting range, defensive tactics area, training unit and classroom, and Special Investigative Task Force Office. The City of St. Paul's Real Estate has helped us locate an existing structure that would meet most of our needs. The building would require an addition to the existing building for the indoor range. The Communication Services & Maintenance garage would be relocated to the Public Safety Garage located at 1675 Energy Park Drive.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The police annex located at 100 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street is an aging and deficient building. The space does not meet the demands of our police force. Understanding this has caused the city to evaluate the building and decide on a plan to remove the building and develop the site into a park. The age and condition of the building and the furtherance of the city's plan creates an urgency to demolish the annex and move the Police staff to a facility that meets our needs.

The police annex building is currently being utilized by the police department for several critical needs. The indoor shooting range, defensive tactics training area, training

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classroom, Special Investigative Task Force Office, storage for the Maintenance Unit, and the Communication Services & Maintenance garage are all housed out of the building. There are numerous mechanical and cosmetic concerns with the current facility at 100 E 10th Street that are not cost effective to fix.

The A/C and heating systems are from the late 1970's and in desperate need of being replaced. The only elevator for people to use is not ADA accessible, and does not meet city codes. There are numerous windows that need to be replaced, many of which are broken. Some of the pipes in the building are wrapped in asbestos. The asbestos makes it difficult for maintenance staff to work on the pipes, which have frequent leaks and need to be worked on. There are significant mechanical, cosmetic, and health concerns that make it a high priority to get the above units moved out of the Annex building.

City Real Estate has assist in locating and evaluating a nearby site to relocate our resources too. This new site would accommodate the Special Investigative Task Force Office, training unit, defensive tactics area and classroom, indoor range, and storage for critical maintenance equipment. There is an existing building on this site that would require remodeling as well as a new addition for the indoor shooting range.

By utilizing an existing facility there would be noticeable cost savings compared to building an entirely new facility.

The Communication Services & Maintenance garage would be moved to the Public Safety Garage (PSG) site located at 1675 Energy Park Drive. A new facility would be constructed on the site. The Communication Services & Maintenance garage is essential to the everyday operations of not only the PD, but departments throughout the city and county. They help ensure the safety of our employees by making sure vital communications equipment is working properly.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The units/personnel currently working in the annex are working in a building that is not and cannot meet our needs as a department, and until it's removed hinders the community plan for a park in the area where it sits. The removal of this building from this site would open up a valuable site for a public park that the community from that area has long awaited. The new facility proposed for police would have a state of the art training facility including an indoor shooting range, defensive tactic training area and classroom and 360 degree virtual training simulator. Access to this type of training would not only benefit the St. Paul Police Department, but also the countless police officers that attend our SPPD Professional Development Institute (PDI) courses (roughly 2,100 officers from outside agencies train annually through our PDI). Training is a key to the success of our department and the safety of not only our officers but the public as well. Our need is critical.

Points	
Possible	

10

Points Awarded

Project Importance Score:

Awarded

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Many areas of the Annex building are considered significantly deficient. The A/C and heating systems are from the late 1970's and are failing often requiring repair that is hampered by a lack of parts due to availability. The ventilation system is inadequate and as with the AC and heating fails often. This failure requires a shut down in the ability to use the indoor range and certain areas of the building due to health risks. The shutting down of the indoor range impacts our ability to conduct legally mandated firearm qualifications.

The primary elevator for people to use is not ADA accessible, and does not meet city code. There are numerous windows that need to be replaced, many of which are broken. Some of the pipes in the building are wrapped in asbestos. The asbestos makes it difficult for maintenance staff to work on the pipes, which have frequent leaks and need to be worked on. There are significant mechanical, cosmetic, and health concerns that make it a high priority to get our personnel out of the Annex building. A new facility would provide a far more environmentally sustainable building that our personnel would feel comfortable and proud to work at.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The community surrounding the Annex building has been supportive and patiently awaiting the park promised them long ago. The police agencies that are trained through our PDI have been vocal and supportive of our development of a state of the art facility. We have letters from Federal Police agencies and the Ramsey County Sheriff in support of this project.

Annex operations have been thoroughly researched and assessed to determine exactly what our needs are to replace the building. We have worked closely with City Real Estate to find a location with an existing structure to meet the vast majority of our needs. This plan includes a combination of renovation and new construction to relocate the critical operations currently working out of the Annex. The new facility would allow for future growth, which adds to cost effectiveness of the location.

Our PDI program, which is a revenue source for our department could expand in this new facility. The revenue generated through PDI, allowed the city to cut the general fund budget for the training of our employee's in 2013. Additional revenue would allow us to provide more productive training for our own officers. The new classroom space

would be a place for various community groups to gather for events, and a possible location that Universities could use to hold evening classes. We will seek state funding to aid us in the completion of the project.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The new facility would be home to a state of the art training facility that would allow St. Paul Police Officers the best training possible. This facility would also allow us to host additional PDI courses to better train officers from outside agencies.

We would be moving into a location that has been vacant for several years, and a revitalized building would improve the landscape of the neighborhood. Having a police facility in a neighborhood helps those living in the neighborhood feel safe.

By moving out of the current Annex location in downtown the land would be available to complete the much anticipated Pedro Park. The downtown park would add the rapidly developing urban neighborhood in that area.

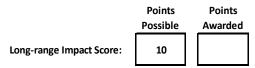


5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The Annex building is far from a "green" building. The new facility would include numerous "green" aspects to make it far more environmentally friendly than the current facility.

The new facility accounts for future growth, which would allow us to remain in the new facility for decades to come. The Annex has numerous high cost issues that need to be fixed in the very near future, but the new facility would not have those issues because it would have far newer mechanical systems. Both aspects add to the long-term cost effectiveness of the new facility.

This project has been approved by the Police Department, City Real Estate, and the Mayor's Office.



## **1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The St. Paul Police Department has a long history of high training standards. Police departments from around the state send their officers to our various PDI courses to be trained. In 2014 PDI held 58 courses for more than 2,100 officers from 264 police agencies. In the past we've struggled to find locations to hold some of our PDI classes due to a lack of adequate training space. A new state of the art training facility would allow us to not only continue that high quality training, but to enhance it.

We don't only train police officers, but we also educate the public. Our civilian police academies are hugely popular, and allow citizens to get hands on experience with what the St. Paul Police Department does on a daily basis. The new facility would allow us to improve the training we are able to give citizens during the civilian police academies.

The new facility would benefit countless people and enhance the safety of officers from across the state through high quality training. That will include our youth programs such as the St. Paul Police Explorers who would be able to utilize the training facility during their training as well.

Several local Universities have utilized our classrooms in the past for evening classes. This has proven to be a great partnership to the police department, and numerous employees have taken advantage of the convenient location to enhance their education. The Communication Services and Maintenance garage is a vitally important part of the police department. They ensure that our critical communication systems are operating properly. It is a serious safety issue to have communicate with each other as well as other first responders. The Communication Services and Maintenance garage is not only paramount in keeping our officers safe as they serve the community, but they are responsible for providing communication services throughout the city and the county. This includes the city's public works, fire department, and parks and rec communication needs.

The new facility would also allow for a safe and healthy work environment for all the personnel currently located the Annex building for decades to come.

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				Phase D	<u>etail</u>					
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	2,201	0	0	0	0	2,201
Acg/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	2,746	0	0	0	0	2,746
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	13,108	0	0	0	0	13,108
Equipment/Furnishing	CIB			0	379	0	0	0	0	379
Contingency	CIB			0	3,263	0	0	0	0	3,263
Demolition	CIB			0	500	0	0	0	0	500
Total:				0	22,197	0	0	0	0	22,197

### **Phase Summary**

		Y	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	2,201	0	0	0	0	2,201	100.0%
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	2,746	0	0	0	0	2,746	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	13,108	0	0	0	0	13,108	100.0%
Equipment/Furnishing	0	379	0	0	0	0	379	100.0%
Contingency	0	3,263	0	0	0	0	3,263	100.0%
Demolition	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	100.0%
Total:	0	22,197	0	0	0	0	22,197	100.0%

### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin				Yearly Amoun	t ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	2,201	0	0	0	0	2,201	
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	2,746	0	0	0	0	2,746	
	Construction/Rehab	0	13,108	0	0	0	0	13,108	
	Equipment/Furnishing	0	379	0	0	0	0	379	
	Contingency	0	3,263	0	0	0	0	3,263	
	Demolition	0	500	0	0	0	0	500	
		0	22,197	0	0	0	0	22,197	100.0%
Total:		0	22,197	0	0	0	0	22,197	100.0%

Project Title: - Parks East Side Maintenance Facility

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA, St Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Gary Korum

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Phalen Boulevard Area, St Paul, MN

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 1 – Eastview, District 2 – Greater East Side, District 4 – Dayton's Bluff, and District 5 – Payne-Phalen

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6 and Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This proposal is for the land acquisition, design and construction of a new East Side Maintenance Facility that will replace two outdated and inappropriately sited maintenance facilities; one at Phalen Regional Park and one in Mounds Park. The new facility will house parks and recreation maintenance staff and equipment for facilities on the east side of Saint Paul, including Marydale Park, Phalen Park, Rice and Arlington, Wheelock Parkway, Johnson Parkway, Indian Mounds Park, 18 recreation centers, and numerous neighborhood parks. The new facility will include restrooms/showers/lockers, lunch/meeting room, office space, repair and equipment, and vehicle storage.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The current facilities at both Phalen Regional Park and Mounds Park are inappropriately sited, completely outdated, and undersized for the large area they serve. The restrooms do not meet code for the number of people using the facility and storage for equipment and vehicles is completely lacking. City maintenance vehicles must be stored outdoors, subjecting them to frequent break-ins which creates a security risk. The residents directly adjacent the Mounds facility are negatively impacted by truck and vehicle noise and the presence of the Phalen facility is not a very appealing welcome for visitors to this important regional park.

Phalen Maintenance is now a "shared facility", sharing the space with Prom. There are numerous issues and the potential for liability when public and private assets are being stored in a shared space. In addition, City employees who work at the Phalen Maintenance Shop now have to travel across town to fuel their trucks and gas cans significantly reducing productivity and efficiency. The existing gas tank is now used exclusively by the golf course and Prom employees.

In an effort to maintain our current and growing system, innovative and specialized equipment has been added to our fleet increasing the need for storage. It is no longer just trucks that we need to store, but specialized equipment that must be stored inside during the winter months for them to operate properly. Examples are brine tanks, sand trucks, Tool Cats, skid loaders and electric vehicles, and spray rigs. Due to lack of space, all vehicles are stored outside which subjects them to frequent break-ins.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project is an investment in the City's infrastructure as it involves the replacement of substandard, outdated facilities which do not have the capacity to provide indoor storage of expensive parks maintenance equipment and trucks, which serve all of the parks and recreation centers throughout the east side of Saint Paul. Storing equipment outside lessens their useful life and subjects them to frequent break-ins.

•	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

There is only one, outdated, unisex rest room for 30 employees. As an older facility, it is not energy efficient and does not function well for its intended use. Its outdated and unattractive appearance does not add to the positive quality of the park or the neighborhood.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Preliminary planning funds were approved in the previous CIB budget to search out appropriate locations. Several ideas have been reviewed as possibilities but until actual

acquisition/construction funds are obtained it is difficult to move forward on serious options. This project was also submitted in the 2003, 2005, 10/11 12/13 and 14/15 CIB cycle. The maintenance facility is critical to house vehicles, tools and provide space for staff who work on a daily basis to maintain the parks in Saint Paul so they will remain in good condition for public use and enjoyment.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

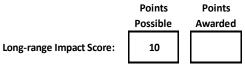
St. Paul citizens love their parks and recreation centers and they want to see these investments taken care of properly. If a new maintenance facility can be centrally located and constructed in a suitable, non-residential location, it will better facilitate the maintenance of all parks and recreation facilities on the greater east side and the current locations can be reinvested in to be better suited for their locations.

	Points	
	Possible	_
Community Benefit Score:	10	

Points Awarded

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

As a construction project, it will have a direct benefit on job creation within the design and construction sectors of the economy. It will have an indirect benefit on the City's housing stock due to neighborhood improvements resulting from the removal of the outdated existing facilities, and trucks and equipment would be stored indoors, out of view, in a residential neighborhood. When the new facility is relocated to a nonresidential area, happy neighbors will be a long range impact.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

As per the 2013 Metropolitan Regional Parks System Use Estimate, Phalen-Keller Regional Park is the 5<sup>th</sup> most visited regional park in the metropolitan region. In 2013 it was estimated that \$1.613M people visited the park passing by the unattractive and poorly sited Phalen maintenance facility on their way to enjoy all that the park has to offer.

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#### CF-5502900 Maintenance Facility

Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	0	260	0	0	0	260
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	CIB			0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	0	2,575	0	0	2,575
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	0	0	77	0	0	77
Design	CIB			0	0	180	0	0	0	180
Total:				0	1,000	440	2,652	0	0	4,092

### Phase Summary

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	260	0	0	0	260	100.0%
Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	0	2,575	0	0	2,575	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	0	77	0	0	77	100.0%
Design	0	0	180	0	0	0	180	100.0%
Total:	0	1,000	440	2,652	0	0	4,092	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amour	<b>nt</b> ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	260	0	0	0	260	
	Acq/Demolition/Reloc	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	0	2,575	0	0	2,575	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	0	77	0	0	77	
	Design	0	0	180	0	0	0	180	
		0	1,000	440	2,652	0	0	4,092	100.0%
Total:		0	1,000	440	2,652	0	0	4,092	100.0%

Project Title: - Highland Clubhouse Restoration

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Paul, MN 55102, 400 CHA

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Chris Stark

Phone Number: - 651-244-6424

Email Address: - Christopher.stark@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1403 Montreal Avenue, St. Paul, MN

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 15 - Highland

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 3

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This project involves the renovation of the historic 1929 Highland Park Golf Clubhouse and construction of a complimentary building addition to be used as a revenue producing community gathering and event space. The renovation is beyond aesthetics and program improvements however, as it will allow the building to be compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act, repair leaking water, and remedy structural and mechanical deficiencies.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Highland Golf Clubhouse no longer meets the needs of the users. Although the existing structure retains its historic and architectural significance as a WPA era building, over eighty years of heavy use has taken a toll on the facility. The building suffers from damp interior conditions, lack of ADA compliance, and has insufficient space to house a functional kitchen, lounge, and event space. This results in decreased revenue generating capacity which is necessary to support its continued operations and use.

The existing multi-level floor plan does not meet the programming demands for large or small events. Adding additional gathering space to the clubhouse will provide opportunities for hosting a variety of neighborhood, social, and business events.

A new energy efficient mechanical system will improve control of the HVAC needs yearround and will eliminate the current moisture conditions that are conducive to continuing mold growth.

A new tile roof will protect the structural integrity of this building. New ADA compliant entrances to the above and below grade levels will comply with the latest regulatory requirements and allow the building to be used by the entire community.

This project supports Strategy 2.4, 2.5, and 2.14 of the Park System Plan and is specifically mentioned as a desired Redevelopment Project in Appendix A of the Park Plan Chapter of the City of Saint Paul's 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

This project will occur in two phases. The first phase will be design and construction related to the HVAC system and the new roof. The second phase will be design and rehabilitation of the interior and exterior of the building, the building entry, and construction of an addition.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Replacement of the deteriorating clay tile roof system will protect the integrity of this historically valuable structure. The mechanical upgrades will meet the requirements for controlled atmospheric conditions for proper user comfort and health.

Rehabilitating the building will preserve the architectural character of the clubhouse as it is recognized as a location with historic architectural significance in the City of St. Paul. The historic character adds value to the park and interest from the community. The improvements of this project will also increase the overall quality and experience for the patrons of the facility.

	Points	Points
Project Importance Score:	Possible 10	Awarded

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Installation of a new HVAC system and a new roof will eliminate mold growth issues and will provide a safe atmosphere for staff and park users. Structural improvements will alleviate the temporary shoring in place on the lower level and preserve the function of the building for many years. The project will also address the lack of compliance with accessible access and ADA requirements. Currently there is limited handicap access for entry into the main floor of the club house building.

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	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project first requested CIB funding in 1999, sixteen years ago. The Highland community continues to strongly support all efforts to maintain this historic, iconic structure and develop its year-round usage.

A full liquor license was granted to the facility in 2014 and received a positive reaction from customers. New furniture for the dining and meeting area has made the main floor of the clubhouse more inviting. Large screen high definition televisions have been added to the main floor for customer viewing.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will have a direct benefit to job creation within the engineering and construction sectors of the economy. The 1999 Trust for Public Land published two documents, Economic Benefits of Parks and Open Space, and the 2006 The Benefits of Parks, noting that parks "increase property values, and create a high quality of life that attracts tax paying businesses and residents and stimulate the commercial growth and promotes inner city vitalization."

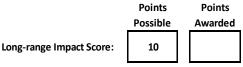
The interior wear of the clubhouse, especially at the lower level, caused by years of structural strain, leaking water, and deteriorating conditions are visibly clear. Windows and ceilings need replacement, walls need repainting, and accessibility issues must be solved to fulfill the building's potential.

Golf patrons that feel more comfortable with the improvements will spend more time here and come back more often. In addition, guests that participate in golf events often come from outside of the immediate customer area. An upgraded facility will help encourage repeat customers which will help generate more revenue.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

A highly energy efficient HVAC system with a well-insulated thermal envelope will reduce future utility and operation costs. Restoration of the building interior and construction of additional area for social gathering will generate additional revenue through increased visitor attendance. It will also allow the building greater potential to host events in the winter months, solidify it as a valuable part of the Highland community, and accommodate tournament use requirements (Recommended Action 7.20 of the Parks and Recreation Systems Plan). Conversely, further postponing the needed improvements will result in continued expensive operating and repair costs, limiting this building's function and potential.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Approximately 35,000 customers visit the Highland National golf complex in a regular season. A vast majority of those will enter and use the clubhouse in some manner.

Over 35 golf events with forty (40) or more participants are held at the Highland Clubhouse each season. Many groups would like to stay after events conclude and use the facility but leave and go elsewhere because the condition of the facilities does not make visitors comfortable.

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#### CF-1502908 Highland Clubhouse Restoration

Phase Detail										
-	Fin Start		End		Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Phase	Code Da	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	165	0	109	0	0	274
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	572	0	186	0	0	758
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	3,600	1,481	0	0	5,081
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	228	117	0	0	345
Design	CIB			0	209	0	0	0	0	209
Total:				0	946	3,828	1,893	0	0	6,667

### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	early Amount	: (in Thousands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	165	0	109	0	0	274	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	572	0	186	0	0	758	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	3,600	1,481	0	0	5,081	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	228	117	0	0	345	100.0%
Design	0	209	0	0	0	0	209	100.0%
Total:	0	946	3,828	1,893	0	0	6,667	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)								
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
CIB - Ca	CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds									
	Preliminary Design	0	165	0	109	0	0	274		
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	572	0	186	0	0	758		
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	3,600	1,481	0	0	5,081		
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	228	117	0	0	345		
	Design	0	209	0	0	0	0	209		
		0	946	3,828	1,893	0	0	6,667	100.0%	
Total:		0	946	3,828	1,893	0	0	6,667	100.0%	

Project Title: - Historic Highland Pool Bath House Stabilization and Re-Use Study

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 CHA, 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez / Chris Stark

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1319 Montreal Avenue (at Edgcumbe Rd.)

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 15 - Highland

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 3

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This project will stabilize and preserve the WPA-era stone building and ceramic tile roof for future re-use and include re-purposing planning of the building and its surroundings. The deteriorating building is highly visible at a busy intersection. This project will allow the building to, once again, become a valued asset to one of Saint Paul's great parks.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

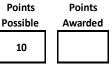
Located at a highly visible corner of Highland Park, this historic building sits in desperate need of repair and preservation as it deteriorates more quickly with each passing season. Constructed in 1936 under the Works Progress Administration (WPA), and designed by St. Paul's senior designer, Clarence "Cap" Wigington, the bathhouse became a center of community activity and social connections. Park visitors pass closely by the vacant building daily; however, the building sits closed, locked, boarded-up, and unsafe. The original clay tile roof is caving in leaving open holes to the sky and exposing the historic materials to seasonal storms. The exterior and interior limestone need to be reinforced. If these structural, functional, and aesthetic problems are addressed and repaired, this building can be repurposed as a valuable location and destination for park visitors.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

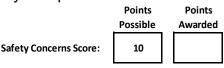
This effort is needed to preserve an existing park and historic asset. The Historic Old Pool Building and the Highland Golf Clubhouse were both late-WPA-era constructions that have become iconic to the community, and are considered historic resources by Saint Paul Historic Preservation office. Without stabilization and preservation efforts, this structure will soon reach a condition requiring immediate demolition. This work fulfills the strategy of "maintaining what we have to a better quality" in the Parks Chapter of the City Comprehensive Plan.





## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The building is currently unsafe, and precautions must be taken to safely enter the building. In addition, the building security is compromised by its condition, and entrants may be unknowingly putting themselves in danger. The roof, doors, and windows are weathering severely resulting in damages to the stonework and wood members, and risk of further damage is imminent. Holes in the building roof are allowing ice and water to enter, expediting the damage and increasing the difficulty of repair.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Parks and Recreation has continued to try to maintain door and window security through its Operation's carpenters, but cannot stabilize the building without funding sources. The District Planning Council has requested that the building be stabilized and preserved for future community use and is very supportive of efforts to improve aesthetics near the busy intersection until the building is restored for reuse.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The citywide use of Highland Park facilities (aquatic center, golf courses, disc golf, Circus Juventas, etc.) and traffic levels on Montreal Avenue bring high levels of visual exposure to this historic structure. As one of the remaining WPA structures, it has iconic value as a City facility, and could provide an attractive community facility. The District Planning Council would like it to become one of the beautiful and treasured public structures within the community.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Failure to act may result in losing another attractive historic structure, and an opportunity to provide usable community space. Further deterioration may require demolition for public safety in the near future. Improvements would allow for expanded use and revenue leading to an increase in visitors to this part of Highland Park throughout the calendar year. Potential future uses for the building have diverse possibilities for summer and winter activities.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10		

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

According to MnDOT estimates, there are over 14,000 cars that pass the dilapidated pool house on a daily basis. It is located at a highly visible position at a well-attended park. In addition to stabilizing the structure, improvements would allow for the structure to meet the needs of the Americans with Disabilities Act, creating a place for all people to gather and enjoy the park. Before it collapses and is lost, it maintains the possibility of restoration to become, once again, a great building and place of public gathering.

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#### CF-1502909 Historic Highland Pool Bath House Stablization and Re-Use St

Phase Detail										
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	11	0	0	0	0	11
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	29	0	0	0	0	29
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	126	0	0	0	0	126
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Design	CIB			0	14	0	0	0	0	14
Total:				0	198	0	0	0	0	198

#### **Phase Summary**

		Y	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	126	0	0	0	0	126	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	100.0%
Design	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	100.0%
Total:	0	198	0	0	0	0	198	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin	Yearly Amount ( in thousands)								
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	29	0	0	0	0	29	
	Construction/Rehab	0	126	0	0	0	0	126	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	18	0	0	0	0	18	
	Design	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	
		0	198	0	0	0	0	198	100.0%
Total:		0	198	0	0	0	0	198	100.0%

Project Title: - Victoria Park Restroom and Picnic Shelter

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 City Hall Annex, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Stewart Street and Otto Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 9 – West Seventh/Fort Road Federation

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Master plan implementation as per the approved Victoria Park Master Plan (2005/2007/2011). This phase to include design and construction of a picnic shelter, restroom and associated site amenities to provide facilities for park users of this brand new 35 acre park located within the West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Victoria Park is a new 35 acre park to be added to the City of Saint Paul Park and Recreation Department park system in 2015. The site historically was an old petroleum tank farm that the City acquired from Koch Mobil. Since acquiring the land, the City has been working to acquire free fill to bring the site up to recreational soil standards. Once environmental remediation is complete onsite; the surrounding West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood will have an amazing neighborhood park that is sensitive to the Mississippi River Valley and surrounding neighborhood, exceeds the standard boundaries of storm water management and provides opportunities for a variety of active and passive recreational uses.

A Design Advisory Committee was developed to create a vision for Victoria Park in 2012. The Committee met monthly for over a year to develop the overall master plan for Victoria Park itself. The master plan was approved by Parks Commission in 2014.

The Design Advisory Committee recognized that Victoria Park Master Plan would have to be implemented in phases with an overall price tag of \$13 million. The Committee agreed that the first CIB request for master plan implementation should be for a picnic shelter and restroom building on the southeast side of the park.

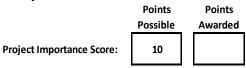
Victoria Park is divided by RR tracks. There are currently sanitary and water services in place for a future restroom and picnic shelter building on the south side of the tracks. The facilities would provide a resting stop for people utilizing the existing trail system or provide a location for families looking to picnic, bird watch, or play an informal pick-up soccer game. There are currently no existing public facilities within the park. Over 200 new housing units have been constructed around Victoria Park with an additional 193 units planned for 2015. The new residents will be frequent users of the new park, creating immediate demand for public facilities in a 35 acre neighborhood park.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

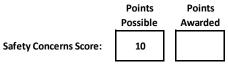
The demand on new parkland within West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood necessitates the need for public restrooms and picnic shelter. The restrooms and shelter will provide a basic park asset that will be in high demand. The location of the park above the Mississippi River and with views of downtown will make Victoria Park a destination for residents and surrounding business owners. Providing basic amenities will draw residents and workers to the site.

There are no public facilities within the area. The closest public restroom is at Crosby Regional Park or Highland Park. Both are over a mile away.



## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Public spaces are safer when there are people using the space. Providing a gathering space for picnicking and restrooms will draw park visitors to Victoria Park. Surrounding business will use the site during their lunch break, and surrounding residents will use it early morning and evening.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected

services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Parks and Recreation worked for over a year on developing a master plan for Victoria Park. The Design Advisory Committee consisted of residents, Mississippi Market, Nova Classical Academy, adult and youth recreation, district council and other partner agencies such as Friends of Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County and the National Park Service. Victoria Park is a special place to all those who have been involved in developing the overall vision for the park.

Letters of support will be provided reflecting the overwhelming support for this project.

Points	Points
Possible	Awarded
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Demonstrated Support Score:

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood is bounded by Interstate 35E to the west, Shepard Road/Mississippi River bluffs to the south, West 7<sup>th</sup> to the north and Randolph Ave to the east. Victoria Park is a 35-acre oasis for surrounding residents who currently have limited parkland. Provisions for a picnic shelter and restroom building are basic park amenities that will significantly benefit the neighborhoods, district and City as a whole.

Providing water and restrooms will bring Sam Morgan Regional trail users into the park. The expansive flexible open space will draw St. Paul residents into the park who are looking for a place to play a pick-up soccer game. In addition, Victoria Park will provide critical trail connections to the edge of the Mississippi River and greater Crosby Regional Park bringing additional St. Paul residents to Victoria Park.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

A restroom and picnic shelter within Victoria Park will require annual maintenance costs. Parks is aware that a new park system will be coming online and will request budget adjustments to properly maintain the new facilities.

The restroom and picnic shelter are included in the approved master plan for Victoria Park. In addition, the Design Advisory Group met to discuss the 2016/2017 CIB funding

requests. There was unanimous agreement that public restrooms and picnic shelter are required as an initial park investment.

The overall vision for Victoria Park is to demonstrate environmental sustainability and use innovative storm water cleaning methods while respecting the natural bluff environment. Providing a location for visitors to picnic and rest above the Mississippi River will further foster environmental stewardship.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The neighborhood surrounding Victoria Park has changed dramatically in the past 10 years. A former petroleum tank farm that used to occupy the site and surrounding bluff has been removed and redeveloped with Sholom Home, Mississippi Market, Nova Classical Academy and over 300 rental apartments. Demographics have changed from pre-industrial use to include seniors, K-12 youth, young professionals and the surrounding residential community. Victoria Park will provide a tremendous resource to the surrounding community!

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#### CF-0903423 Victoria Park Restroom and Picnic Shelter

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	68	0	0	0	0	68
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	876	0	0	0	0	876
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	42	0	0	0	0	42
Design	CIB			0	59	0	0	0	0	59
Total:				0	1,045	0	0	0	0	1,045

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amoun	t (in Thous	ands)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	876	0	0	0	0	876	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	42	0	0	0	0	42	100.0%
Design	0	59	0	0	0	0	59	100.0%
Total:	0	1,045	0	0	0	0	1,045	100.0%

#### Financing Source Detail / Summary

Fin									
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	
	Construction/Rehab	0	876	0	0	0	0	876	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	42	0	0	0	0	42	
	Design	0	59	0	0	0	0	59	
		0	1,045	0	0	0	0	1,045	100.0%
Total:		0	1,045	0	0	0	0	1,045	100.0%

Project Title: - St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden at Phalen Park

Proposing Agency or Group: - Payne - Phalen District Five Planning Council

Proposer's Address: - 506 Kenny Road, Suite 130, St. Paul, MN 55130

Contact Person: - Leslie McMurray, Executive Director & Bill Zajicek, Environment Cmte.

Phone Number: - 651-774-5234

Email Address: - d5-director@visi.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Phalen-Keller Regional Park

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 5 – Payne-Phalen

3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 6

4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This request supports St. Paul Parks and Recreation to refine and advance a Design Development process leading to the Initial Construction Phase for the St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden in Phalen-Keller Regional Park, as approved by St. Paul, Ramsey County and the Metropolitan Council in the adopted 2011 Phalen-Keller Regional Park Master Plan.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Phalen-Keller Regional Park serves over 1 million visitors every year, particularly the east side of Saint Paul, specifically Planning Districts 5, 2, 1, & 4. The Park draws regional visitors to St. Paul from the surrounding metro area.

This will be the first China garden in Minnesota and the first Changsha-style garden in the United States. The St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden (Garden) creates an attractive regional park destination with global ties, enhancing local, regional and international visitors and opportunities for St. Paul. The Garden holds multi -dimensional appeal for park users and is a good fit with existing park uses and design elements.

The Garden symbolizes Minnesota's long friendship with Changsha and is responsive to the growing diversity of the surrounding Payne-Phalen community. The Garden can

be a destination for business and political leaders from China, especially Changsha, St. Paul's sister city. China is Minnesota's second largest trade partner (MN Trade Office) and is home to the largest Chinese academic community in the US. In Payne-Phalen, thirty one percent (31%) of residents are Asian (Census 2010), and Saint Paul is the home to one of the largest US concentrations of Hmong citizens. Hmong and Chinese collaborative efforts have enriched both St. Paul and China with active cultural and historical exchange and communication. St. Paul has a strong history of collaborative action and advocacy spanning cultural communities. Opportunity for travel exchange and learning has intensified Hmong Americans and Hmong Chinese exploration of shared heritage and histories. The St. Paul – Changsha sister city relationship has been notably invigorated by this increased level of interest, communication and exchange. Interest continues to grow as Changsha archeological artifacts and research point to early ancestral Hmong settlement in the Changsha area.

This garden amenity will promote closer ties between St. Paul and its established 1998 Chinese sister city, Changsha, located in Hunan Province, China. The sister city relationship between Saint Paul and Changsha has fostered numerous private and mayoral delegations and was first established by Mayor George Latimer in 1988, when he traveled to China following the Changsha Mayor's visit in 1987 to MN. This sister city relationship helps to enrich and promote intercultural understanding and exchange, strengthen learning, cultural and economic opportunities.

The Garden creates a welcomed recreational amenity in this popular park and has attracted broad community support. "Community interest" surveys of park users placed high value on creating spaces for "relaxation", family gatherings, and public contemplative spaces.

The Payne-Phalen neighborhood is one of MN's most diverse neighborhoods. Residents have voiced that the Garden's aesthetic features are valued and welcoming, and will add global flair while diversifying park uses and generating broad appeal for all park users.

The Garden complements existing park elements such as the 9-foot "Meditation" sculpture at Phalen Park, created by internationally recognized Changsha Master Artist Lei Yixin, and dedicated in 2011. The Garden fits well with park uses such as the popular annual Dragon Festival and community events.

#### Historical Context:

Payne-Phalen District Five Planning Council's (D5) Board of Directors and the Friends of Lake Phalen strongly support completion of the project and actively supported inclusion in the Master Plan. Over the past year, District Five's Environmental Committee has spearheaded recent community convening activities to engage, gauge and document community support for the garden.

A first and long-standing advocate for the Garden and a core project partner is the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society (MCFGS). This non-profit organization

was created in 2006 by the US-China Peoples Friendship Association, Minnesota Chapter (USCPFA-MN) (which is a local chapter of the national USCPFA, both formed in 1974). USCPFA-MN supports Minnesota's sister city relationships with China. MCFGS's key goal is to create the St. Paul – Changsha China Friendship Garden, featuring Changsha-style architecture – the first Changsha-style garden in the United States. The MCFGS has conducted extensive research regarding existing Chinese gardens in the U.S. and in China and on different styles of architecture and vegetation in Chinese gardens. This expertise will be invaluable to St. Paul as the garden is designed and installed. The MCFGS and USCPFA-MN will work to align resources, provide design guidance and develop support from the local Chinese community and from Changsha for the project. The MCFGS worked closely with St. Paul Parks and Recreation in the site selection process and preliminary site plan development incorporated within the Master Plan.

#### This Project attempts to accomplish the following:

This Garden includes a plaza gathering area, an open-air pavilion with Changsha-style architecture, a terrace overlooking the water channel, decorative rocks, vegetation, and walking paths and bike pathways, in an area of the park that is currently under-utilized. China Garden design values and philosophy ensure that garden design features blend seamlessly with the natural environment and surrounding park features. These elements will be designed in connection with planners and designers from Changsha.

The Garden provides a public reflective space, offers aesthetic enjoyment, establishes accessible space for community and family gatherings (weddings and anniversaries), picnics and celebrations and creates opportunity for cultural learning, reflection, and enjoyment of the natural environment.

Parks and Recreation, working with community partners, determined that the installation will be ideally located to the East of the Stone Bridge at the North end of the water channel, with a view of the Meditation sculpture on the south end of the water channel. The topography, weeping willows and nearby lake and meandering water channel make this location well-suited for a China Garden. Recent park improvements by Parks and Recreation have renovated the Stone Bridge, added rock settings along the channel, cleaned the water channel, and restored the Phalen waterfall; all of which greatly enhance the beauty of the area immediately surrounding the China Garden site. The designated location for the China Garden is along the water channel near the restored Stone Bridge and existing parking lot, in an area of Phalen Park that is currently under-utilized.

The construction of this project will benefit local job creation and stimulate economic development in an under-resourced neighborhood.

#### Phasing of the project:

This request supports St. Paul Parks and Recreation to further develop and refine a

Design Development Plan, as defined below and initial construction of the Garden project. We anticipate a phased multi-year development process that supports Parks and Recreation collaboration with local and Changsha architects, engineers, landscape architects and planners. The MCGFS will continue to facilitate the collaboration of professionals from both cities in this joint sister city project.

The Design Development process includes elements of robust inclusive of community engagement (District Councils and cultural groups), soil testing, detailed plan design and process, and strategizing for fund acquisition. This will result in a full set of construction documents and specifications, leading to phased construction and completion of the Garden.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

A China Friendship Garden will be a significant, functional addition to Phalen-Keller Regional Park. It creates a significant new draw to the already popular Park. As noted, this project represents an opportunity to enhance Phalen Park in a way that deepens the City's global connections, is responsive to the surrounding neighborhood, and attracts regional and international visitors to St. Paul.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The Phalen-Keller Regional Park contributes to the safety, security, and well-being of residents on the East Side of Saint Paul who continue to move into the area because of its amenities. A China Friendship Garden would enhance the recreational and economic opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Creating a space with higher foot traffic and better lighting will further contribute to the safety of Phalen Park.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This CIB proposal is submitted by the Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council Board with strong support of Friends of Lake Phalen and local government officials in St. Paul and Changsha, and internationally recognized urban planners and artists.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation has already invested work to determine initial site selection and prepare a preliminary site plan with the 2011 cost estimates (1.1 million for the entire project).

The Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society (MCFGS) was founded to spearhead the project and has worked with Changsha Master Lei Yixin and others in Changsha to identify appropriate landscape and building architects to work on the project design.

Demonstrated Support Score:



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will benefit the residents of District 5, 2, 4, & 1, the City of Saint Paul and metro region as a whole. It will enhance the livability of this area of the city by providing a significant cultural and natural destination within Phalen Park. Visitors can appreciate the benefits of slowing down in a carefully composed collection of spaces, scenes and opportunities for delight or reflection. Connecting people to the landscape through integrated architecture is one of the goals of Chinese Gardens. Park uses and users will be expanded as school groups, organizations, and informal groups are encouraged to incorporate the Garden into their missions.

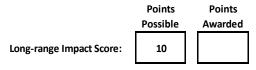
	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The St. Paul-Changsha China Friendship Garden is approved and is part of the 2011 Phalen-Keller Regional Park Master Plan.

The immediate return on this community-requested investment is the reinvigorated relationship to Changsha and China and the resulting economic and cultural opportunities. The community has requested this amenity and new park visitors are anticipated. The Design Development Plan will anticipate and define short and long-term operating costs. Strategizing is necessary to provide for the continued vibrancy and quality of the Garden amenity. Plans may explore potential revenue generation for the City such as special event rental agreements, and coordinating a volunteer Friends Group to assist with ongoing maintenance or securing endowments from individuals and organizations here and abroad. Planning will fulfill ADA accessibility standards; consider

multi-lingual program interpretative elements and way-finding signage, and address lighting, and bike and pedestrian safety.



#### <u>Section D – Additional Information</u> 1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Payne Phalen Neighborhood Description (CENSUS 2010) Total Population: 30,343

31% Asian: 9,401
35% White 10,823
12.6% Black or African American 3824
14.1% Latino or Hispanic 4291
1.5% American Indian or Alaska Native 463
5.1% 2 or more races 1541
26.2% Foreign Born 7960

Household Income

Median Income \$39,840 With Income less than 199% of poverty: 56.5% With Income below poverty: 31.3% No vehicles in household 17.6% The Phalen-Keller Master Plan (2011) cites current annual park users at 1,000,000 and projects increased use rates to a level of 1.4 million annual visitors.

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#### CF-0503402 Changsha China Friendship Garden

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	77	0	0	0	0	77
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	871	0	0	0	871
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	48	0	0	0	48
Design	CIB			0	67	0	0	0	0	67
Total:				0	144	919	0	0	0	1,063

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
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Construction Mgmt.	0	0	48	0	0	0	48	100.0%
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#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousand	s)	Yearly Amount ( in thousands)								
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total						
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds														
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Total:		0	144	919	0	0	0	1,063	100.0%						

Project Title: - City Real Estate Asset Management System, Update

Proposing Agency or Group: - OFS/Real Estate Section

Proposer's Address: - City Hall Annex, Suite 1000, 25 W 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact Person: - Michael Michaud

Phone Number: - 651-266-9162

Email Address: - mike.michaud@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: City-wide

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s): All

#### 3. City Council Ward(s): All

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

5. Please provide a short description of your project.

We are proposing to implement a phased deployment of several new application modules to add additional functionality to the current Real Estate Asset System/Archibus. Phase 1 of the work we are planning to accomplish with 2015 OFS/RE funds, will upgrade the base application to the current version, including creating a connection to the new HR System/Employee database and possibly adding the ArcGIS extension for additional mapping functionality. This proposal is for Phase 2 and 3 as part of a planned expansion of the capabilities and use of the system. Phase 2 will deploy new modules for Condition Assessment and Capital Planning/Budgeting and will include adding Mobile Device support for entering and maintaining the data citywide. Phase 3 will deploy a City-wide Building Operations (Work Order) Module for use by all Departments to replace the several outdated dissimilar maintenance work order systems and spreadsheets currently used by the Departments.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Phase 2 scope to add the Capital Planning/Budget and Conditions Assessment Modules to the system will provide an enterprise level tool for use by all Departments and the City Administrators to enter and evaluate the current facility information and plan for maintenance, replacement, decommissioning or adding new facilities. A "Solution Design Process" will take place, which will document the current methods used for planning and budgeting, thereby providing the opportunity to redesign & improve upon the current processes. The system will provide city-wide access to the information depending on the users' log-in rights; city-wide, Department, or Division level. The Condition Assessment Module will track the location, condition and cost to maintain and/or replace any asset located at or in a City facility or property that we would want inventoried, including items in the Lawson/Infor system and items of less than \$5,000 in value: bleachers, fountains, furniture, equipment, PC's, network components, building systems equipment, special equipment, roofs, etc. The Mobile Framework Module will provide staff access to the system via smart phones and tablets for creating and maintaining asset and space records. A connection to the asset data maintained in the Lawson/Infor Finance system will be created to import the items over \$5,000 in value; all other items will be added by the OFS/RE staff and the Department staff depending on the need for each facility and use.

Phase 3: We will work with all the City Department Administrative and Maintenance Managers to implement the Building Operations work order system that will be linked to the facility and asset condition assessment data currently in Archibus and created in the Phase 2 deployment. This will replace several dissimilar and outdated work order systems in use by City Departments with a new City-wide/Enterprise system. This system combined with the Capital Planning/Budgeting Modules will provide many opportunities for the City to save money. Typically the ROI for this type of system is less than 5 years. See the attached Opportunities Funding proposal that was submitted for consideration in 2013 for additional information on costs and ROI.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

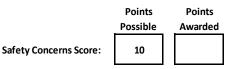
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The project puts in place an enterprise tool set for all city facility managers and maintenance managers to use for operating and maintaining their facilities. As an example the Space, Asset and Condition Assessment data would feed the Capital Planning and Project Management modules that create a ranking matrix that prioritizes work items for facility space, or equipment that requires maintenance or replacement, based on an asset's condition assessment, costs and impact on other systems. Proposals for new construction, renovation, or equipment purchase, or even the decommissioning of existing facilities can also be included in the matrix. The Building Operations module improves the ability of managers and staff to perform scheduled preventive maintenance and maintains historical records of the work (e.g., when an item was replaced/repaired, who did the work and who supports the warranty). There is a large potential return on investment with the successful implementation (\$300K to \$600K annually).

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The proposed system enhancements can include maintaining records for all hazardous materials located in city facilities, including the Material Safety Data Sheets, exact location of materials, and department staff and other contacts associated with the materials. This information would be available to first responders in a timely manner if needed, and is also required by OSHA for some facilities. Information added to the Asset Condition Assessment that identifies a safety hazard will result in notifications to facility operators. Safety related deficiencies would result in a high priority work order task to be assigned to in-house staff or an outside vendor to resolve the issue in a timely manner. Records of deficient/defective asset items are maintained until the asset is repaired, replaced or removed/disposed of. It does not have to be resubmitted.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Real Estate Section of the Office of Financial Services (OFS/RE) started in 2012 with the installation and configuration of the background data for the Space and Real Estate Portfolio/Lease Management Modules and has added the Energy Management Module to the current Real Estate Asset System (Archibus). We have been working on the system with little or no budget beyond the initial installation and configuration cost/funding. Use of the application at this point has been only by OFS/RE staff and a few other department staff related to lease renewal notifications and the Energy Module. The main business uses that will provide the most benefit to the City are for the Capital Budget and Project Management Modules and the Building Operations Modules. There is a proven track record of real return on investment experienced by Fortune 500 companies and many state and local government users of the applications.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

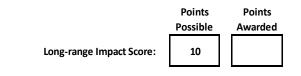
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The ability to access current and consistent information about our facilities on an enterprise basis for using, maintaining and planning our facilities is currently not available. It takes days or weeks to pull together information that could be a few clicks away, or it is just not possible accurately report the information. This proposal would provide the tools to support the efficient operation and maintenance of our facilities and provide factual information for making planning and budget based decisions into the future. The direct community/city benefit would be an improved ability to prioritize and meet unmet facility needs and reducing costs. The return on investment for the system (\$300K to \$600K annually) would cover the cost to implement it and provide an ongoing annual reduction in operating and maintenance expenses.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
nunity Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

This proposal can achieve all of the above. A successful deployment of the included modules and features will support the efficient operation of all of the City's facilities through a combination of timely targeted preventive maintenance, efficient and effective use of space, and consistent condition and needs assessment information that would drive the facility planning priorities and budget allocation recommendations. There are many local and nationwide examples of similar system implementations by government agencies that support the predicted return on investment (\$300K to \$600K annually).



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

We have attached a copy of the 2013 Opportunities funding proposal to implement a similar scope of work as this proposal.

#### City of Saint Paul

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CF-6603404	City Real Estate Asset Manage	ement System		

Total:		15	0	280	120	0	0	0	400	100.0%
Other		15	50	280	120	0	0	0	400	100.0%
Phase		Prior Ap	pr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
				Yearly	Amount (	in Thousands	s)			
				Phase Su	mmary					
Total:				150	280	120	0	0	0	400
Other	CIB			150	280	120	0	0	0	400
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Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Cap	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Other	150	280	120	0	0	0	400	
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Total:		150	280	120	0	0	0	400	100.0%

Project Title: - Palace Community Center Site Improvements

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 400 CHA, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - Jody.Martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 781 Palace Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55012

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 9 – West Seventh/Fort Road Federation

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This project is the third and final phase of the expansion and renovation of the Palace Recreation Center and is focused on completion of needed site improvements benefitting the Palace Park community. Many of the existing site amenities were removed or impacted due to the expansion of the building thus creating the need for a new play area, field enhancements, new walking paths, improved lighting, and new gathering spaces.

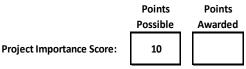
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Based on previous phased CIB funding, in 2015 construction will begin on a substantial renovation and expansion to the building to create a destination that better serves diverse interests, activity levels, and demographics of the community. This CIB project will complete these enhancements by improving the quality and offerings of the park. These improvements will include a new play area for young children, renovated ball fields for athletics, and new spaces for social gatherings. However, the value in this project extends beyond programmatic improvements. Safety and accessibility concerns have been an issue at Palace for many years, and this project will address them. Included in the project will be upgrades to walking paths, site lighting, landscaping, and field lighting to allow for better access, visibility and enjoyment of Palace Park.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

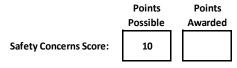
The building expansion construction in 2015 will lead to expanded use of the community center, and continued funding and dedication to this project is needed to complete the vision put forth in the concept plan approved in 2009. The current activity at Palace is primarily oriented toward youth sporting activities only. These proposed improvements to the site, along with the improvements to the building, are designed to attract people of all interests and ages.



## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The current location of the play area is not visible by staff and visitors inside the building, funding this project will, in part, allow for a new play area, visible by staff and visitors to the community center creating a more secure environment.

Improved site lighting will improve safety for athletic activities as well as discouraging unwanted activity. Addressing ADA compliance issues will also be a part of this project to make this park accessible for all.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Corresponding with the list of Priority Actions for City Participation in the District 9 Area Plan, community involvement in planning and programming has been very valuable. Neighbors have actively participated in Design Advisory Committee and Open House meetings to help communicate design ideas, hopes, and needs for the project. Additionally, a community-lead Facebook group was assembled to offer ideas, share information, and generate excitement about the enhancements made to this valued facility. Members of City Council have assured the community that funding borrowed from the building budget in 2014 to complete the Jefferson Bike Boulevard would be available for this site project.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This proud neighborhood is in need of a place that encourages gathering and social interaction. Today Palace Park has a reputation that it offers activities for only a small portion of the population. Providing a contemporary upgrade to this facility will increase the use and visibility of the park. This project will also include the relocation and enhancement of the Sgt. Wosika memorial, an important landmark honoring a hero of the West 7<sup>th</sup> Community.

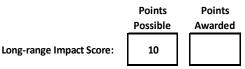


Points Awarded

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Replacement of the building and grounds is labeled a Key Strategy for Community Development in the District 9 Area Plan as it calls for improving facilities that serve families and children. This project is also highlighted in the Parks and Recreation Systems Plan and Vision Plan as a one in which improvements will have a high impact on maintenance costs and community value.

Included in the work will be environmental improvements including storm water management to protect the ground water and Mississippi River from run-off. Also included are new energy efficient field lights using enhanced shielding to focus lighting on the playing area, preventing light spill to the homes in the neighborhood. The focus of this project, however, is to provide an improved asset to the community, one that meets the needs of a diverse demographic and interest level.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The West 7<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood has seen growth in recent years. American Community Survey results from 2012 show that 16.5% of the residential units in the neighborhood were constructed since 2000. This is considerably higher than the City of St. Paul as a whole, where only 5.9% of residences have been built since 2000. This project will help provide improved facilities and durable equipment to accommodate increased use from a growing community.

When the ages of this neighborhood's population are compared with other neighborhoods of St. Paul, statistics show that the population is slightly older. The West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood has a population of 5.9% ages 5-9 years old and 8.8% ages 18-24, compared to 6.9% and 13.8% throughout St. Paul. Conversely, 17.0% of the West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood is 45-54 years old, compared with 12.6% for the city. These numbers reflect the importance of providing spaces in the park for an older demographic in addition to a play area and athletic fields for young children.

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#### CF-0902916 Palace Recreation Center Renovation

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			40	0	0	0	0	0	0
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			310	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Rehab	CIB			3,863	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			452	0	0	0	0	0	0
Design	CIB			55	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:				4,720	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380

#### **Phase Summary**

	Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
Preliminary Design	40	0	0	0	0	0	0,	******	
Const-Plans/Spec's	310	0	0	0	0	0	0,	******	
Construction/Rehab	3,863	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380	100.0%	
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	452	0	0	0	0	0	0,	******	
Design	55	0	0	0	0	0	0 *	*****	
Total:	4,720	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380	100.0%	

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)										
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total			
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds											
	Preliminary Design	40	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Const-Plans/Spec's	310	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Construction/Rehab	3,863	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380				
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	452	0	0	0	0	0	0				
	Design	55	0	0	0	0	0	0				
		4,720	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380	100.0%			
Total:		4,720	1,380	0	0	0	0	1,380	100.0%			

Project Title: - Scheffer Recreation Center

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. 4th Street, 400 CHA, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Christopher Stark

Phone Number: - 651-266-6400

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 237 Thomas Avenue, St Paul, MN 55103

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 7 - Frogtown

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 1

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

This project involves the demolition of the existing recreational center facility and the construction of a new building built to accommodate an expanded program serving all age groups and diverse community interests. Adjacent site improvement would also be part of the planned site work.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This location is the central hub for recreational services devoted to the Frog town/Thomas Dale neighborhood. The aging, outdated building needs to be updated and expanded in order to achieve and maintain high a quality recreation based service center for park users of all ages.

The existing recreation center building is inadequate for the needs of today's community. Upon arrival at Scheffer first-time visitors will often walk around the building once or twice searching for the unidentified entrance to the building. Throughout the day the building appears to be closed. From the exterior, it is cold and dark, without proper windows, a pedestrian scale, or a welcoming entrance. On the interior, space is limited and inflexible. Basketball is very popular in the gym; however the small gym size prevents full adult games from taking place. The court dimensions are too short. The

gym floor is an old vinyl tile, and a lack of proper mechanical systems causes a stale, uncomfortable indoor environment.

Despite the insufficiencies in the gym, it is the lack of variety in programmed spaces that prevents this center from achieving the needs of the community. Rooms for gathering, studying, socializing, and children's play would create a destination for the young and old to come together. Included in an expansion would be meeting rooms, an art room, designated space for after-school programs, concessions, storage, staff offices, and social gathering/commons spaces. Each space designed with flexibility to adapt to future needs to help ensure the community center serves the area for many years.

In addition to programmatic improvements and expansions, a new building will comply with current accessibility regulations and safety requirements. Currently, this facility is not in compliance with today's standards, and as a result, prevents some members of the community from being able to enjoy the center's offerings.

The landscape adjacent to the building and the existing tot lot area will also receive modifications to accommodate the future plans of the new building.

Maximizing time and financial resources would include two phases: design and community analysis, followed by construction.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Today's Scheffer Recreation Center building is incapable of serving the entire community. It is too small to be a gathering location for the neighborhood, program offerings are too limited, and the building operations systems are out of date. A new building, with expanded services, will create a true *Community* Center at an underserved location in the City.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

To serve as a community center everyone must be welcome and have equal opportunity to enjoy the services provided. Because of a lack of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this is not true at Scheffer today. Additionally, the kitchen does not meet the standards of current codes, thereby limiting the possibilities of what can be provided. A lack of adequate storage space makes the gathering areas cluttered, and this could become a risk during an emergency situation. Concerns with safety and contemporary building standards are major factors necessitating a new building at Scheffer.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded		
Safety Concerns Score:	10			

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The district council has expressed significant interest and support for this project because it serves a community with limited mobility and a high level of need for publically provided access to recreational and community facilities. A new Scheffer Community Center has been included in the Systems Plan since 2010, including an emphasis on a strong community involvement and interaction in the planning process.

Points Points Possible Awarded Demonstrated Support Score: 10

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

A new Scheffer Community Center will benefit all members of the adjacent communities and become a source of pride for the neighborhood. Today's cold and dark building will be replaced with an inviting, inclusive Center with expanded opportunities for services and social gathering. This location is an important node in the City's network of community spaces. Improving this site will have a substantial return on investment for this neighborhood.

The addition of a new gym, the expansion of program offerings, and places for gathering will facilitate the improvement of a more inclusive recreational program of activities that will serve all age groups in the community.



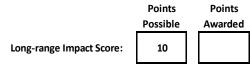
5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Systems Plan calls for a community planning process for the demolition and construction of a new Scheffer building in Recommended Actions 1.41,1.41 and 5.25. It identifies Scheffer as "A low quality building that is well-used. The building is in a lower mobility area where a community center is needed. The City will remove the existing building and construct a new

community center on the site." Following the demolition of the old Arlington Recreation Center, Scheffer became *the lowest* rated recreation center in the entire city in terms of quality as identified in the Systems Plan. Furthermore, it estimated future improvements will result in capital maintenance savings of \$235,050.

A new building will also comply with the City of Saint Paul Sustainability Policy leading to a significant increase in energy and water savings.

Improvements to the neighborhood's recreation center will increase property values and will expand recreational and social gathering opportunities for all who live in the neighborhood.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

79% of the population in the Frogtown/Thomas Dale district is people of color. Most of the community center users are African Americans. 29% of the community population within one mile of the Scheffer Recreation Center is children, ages 14 and younger.

Spanning from 2010 through 2013 there were 270,596 visitors to the Scheffer Recreation Center, averaging over 67,500 visitors annually. This is high attendance for a facility of small size and limited programmed offerings. Despite these high numbers 2014 community meetings reported a total attendance of only 309 participants demonstrating that the size restrictions of the spaces in the current building are not conducive to hosting large meetings.

2012 survey results show that nearly 25% of the households in the Frogtown/Thomas Dale community are without a personal vehicle, compared to 15% for the City as a whole. This demonstrates a significant need to provide quality services in the neighborhood that are easily accessible for the entire community.

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#### CF-0702921 Scheffer Recreation Center

	Fin	Start	End	Phase De		early Amou	nt (in thousa	ande)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	214	0	0	0	0	214
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	572	0	0	0	0	572
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	6,739	1,300	0	0	8,039
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	0	121	23	0	0	144
Design	CIB			0	501	0	0	0	0	501
Total:				0	1,287	6,860	1,323	0	0	9,470

#### Phase Summary

	- · · ·	Ye	early Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	214	0	0	0	0	214	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	572	0	0	0	0	572	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	6,739	1,300	0	0	8,039	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	121	23	0	0	144	100.0%
Design	0	501	0	0	0	0	501	100.0%
Total:	0	1,287	6,860	1,323	0	0	9,470	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

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Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	214	0	0	0	0	214	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	572	0	0	0	0	572	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	6,739	1,300	0	0	8,039	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	0	121	23	0	0	144	
	Design	0	501	0	0	0	0	501	
		0	1,287	6,860	1,323	0	0	9,470	100.0%
Total:		0	1,287	6,860	1,323	0	0	9,470	100.0%

Project Title: - Phalen and North Dale Refrigerated Ice Rink Modification

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1000 East Wheelock Pkwy (Phalen); 1414 St. Albans St. N (North Dale)

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 5 – Payne-Phalen and District 10 - Como

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5 and Ward 6

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Two of the three refrigerated ice rinks installed in 2007 require major system modifications. Piping will be installed underground and leave the infrastructure in place on a permanent basis, which will minimize annual start-up and shut-down costs, and provide a more sustainable system. It will also provide a summer roller hockey sport field.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Two of the City of Saint Paul's three refrigerated ice rinks, installed in 2007, require staff to lay out mats, cover with sand, install piping, and fill the system with glycol on an annual basis. This labor intensive process is then reversed in the spring and the system packed up, hauled off, and stored until the next season. This repetition of installation and removal of the system is leading to leaks in the system. Also, the exposed piping has been compromised by theft and vandalism.

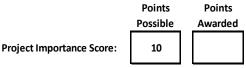
The annual labor intensive process can be eliminated by installing an underground piping system which allows the infrastructure to stay in place on a permanent basis. The costs of this proposal would provide for installation of 1" PVC piping over the existing concrete rink surface, connection to the existing 6" supply and return piping, and permanently encase in concrete.

Start-up and shut-down of the refrigeration system will require minimum effort. The rink surface can be utilized during the summer for roller-hockey and be easily converted to winter skating and hockey play. The system will also be protected from theft and vandalism.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

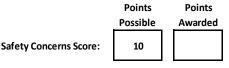
1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The three systems we have are strategically located across the City to offer extended winter skating season to outdoor enthusiasts. These systems are less expensive to operate than indoor, year-round facilities, but the current design jeopardizes our ability to make them available.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Currently only one of the rinks is installed with a permanent system and is the model for this proposal. One of the in-out systems was shut down for about two months at the start of the season due to theft of piping. Both of these systems are experiencing wear and tear on the equipment, with leaks that must be addressed. The annual costs of operations continue to rise with staff time and material costs. Without this project, two of the three systems may become inoperable in the next few years.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Funding of the permanent installation is necessary to continue offering the extended winter skating facility. Without this project, two of the three systems may become inoperable in the next few years.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or

Community

property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Demand for winter skating activities is still very high in Saint Paul. These facilities host outdoor open skating, broom ball, and hockey for the public and organized recreation teams. Our recent weather patterns have made maintenance of natural ice undependable. These Refrigerated Ice Rink systems provide dependable skating from November to March, and the demand for use is fairly high. Indoor skating facilities have mostly been closed due to long-term operating costs, and are no longer available.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Benefit Score:	10		

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

These facilities help fulfill Parks and Recreation's Comprehensive Plan to provide healthy active lifestyles in the winter time to the City as a whole. This project will keep all three facilities in operation spread around the City.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

- The Census data shows that the population of youth ages 17 and under in District 5 (Payne Phalen) is 32.7 percent which is higher than the City of Saint Paul as a whole at 25.3%. District 10 (Como) shows that the population of youth ages 17 and under is19.2%, less than the overall.
- The North Dale Recreation Center has an annual use of 120,009 individuals. The Phalen Recreation Center has an annual use of 80,620 individuals

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#### CF-5503417 Phalen and North Dale Refrigerated Ice Rink Modification

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End Date		Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Phase	Code	Date		Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	77	0	0	0	0	77
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	620	0	0	0	620
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	48	0	0	0	48
Design	CIB			0	68	0	0	0	0	68
Total:				0	145	668	0	0	0	813

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	77	0	0	0	0	77	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	620	0	0	0	620	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	48	0	0	0	48	100.0%
Design	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	100.0%
Total:	0	145	668	0	0	0	813	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	77	0	0	0	0	77	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	620	0	0	0	620	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	48	0	0	0	48	
	Design	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	
		0	145	668	0	0	0	813	100.0%
Total:		0	145	668	0	0	0	813	100.0%

Project Title: - System Wide Signage

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 CHA, 25 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez/Don Varney

Phone Number: - 651 266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - City Wide

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

City Wide

#### 3. City Council Ward(s): City Wide

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The project will expand implementation of a City Wide signage plan for parks and trails that addresses the functional aspects of each park and trail facility. An inventory of signage needs and a hierarchy of implementation will guide replacement and installation of park and trail signs that will help characterize and unify each park and bicycle trails as part of an integrated system.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This signage implementation plan begins by building upon work previously completed that developed a signage design vocabulary. The signage design vocabulary can now be utilized to unify the existing park and trail signage to unify the appearance of the department, provide some much needed improvements in park trail wayfinding.

Building upon this work, the next phase will complete a system wide inventory of the existing signs and will develop and map out specific signage locations for each park facility, including recreation centers, community centers, sports facilities-ball fields, and hockey/skating rinks. Trails will include both identity and wayfindng signs. With this location plan, the implementation phase can begin with installations determined by a prioritized selection of facilities and trails.

Consistent signage establishes and strengthens all parts of the park and trail system. It clarifies through understandable visual vocabulary, the relationships of park facilities, recreational and community opportunities and resources.

The ongoing expansion of the park bicycle and pedestrian trail system and its integration with the city's non-motorized transportation system reveals a need for a complementary wayfinding and signage system. This portion of the wayfinding signage system provides benefits to both park and transportation systems.

Because integration with multiple systems is very extensive, it is expected that this signage implementation will be the second phase of a multi-phase project.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

All of Saint Paul's parks are heavily used and in some instances are becoming more specialized to take advantage of a particular location or a recreation resource that is limited. Signage that provides an easily understood listing of resources helps to connect people with the recreation opportunities they are seeking. Trail signage that clarifies connections to other parts of the city will strengthen the entire non-motorized transportation system as well as the park system trails.

Project Importance Score:

Points	Points
Possible	Awarded
10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Clear signage and wayfinding resource improvements will improve park user's and bicyclist's safety by easing the ability to find park resources.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Since the completion of the System Signage Design plan, and a small implementation phase was installed in Como Park, the benefits have been recognized by Como Regional Park visitors who have provided positive comments on the results. Park signage has been typically implemented within the narrow context of individual park or trail projects. So far, the Eastside Heritage Park and Como Park have taken advantage of a consistent design vocabulary. This funding will provide a commitment to a sustained effort to update and unify the existing fractured, confusing park and trail signage.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Saint Paul's park system is recognized nationwide as one of the best in the country however it is often difficult to recognize elements of this system while visiting and using the parks. The addition of complementary signage will identify individual parks and trails as elements of a larger, comprehensive system that is a vital contributor to Saint Paul's quality of life.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Existing park signage has not been updated for many years and over time has become ineffective at providing the information needed to understand how each park fits into the system. The Parks Department created a system plan to assess the unique values of each park and how they contribute to the recreational needs of the city's residents. The park system plan relies on each park meeting specific community needs and the application of signage to communicate each park's available recreation resources.

Signage makes the finite, distributed park resources easier to identify and more available to residents seeking specific recreational interests.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

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#### CF-6602928 System Wide Signage

Phase Detail										
					Ye	Yearly Amount (in thousands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	113	0	0	0	0	113
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	113	0	0	0	0	113
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	300	559	0	0	0	859
Total:				0	526	559	0	0	0	1,085

#### **Phase Summary**

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	113	0	0	0	0	113	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	113	0	0	0	0	113	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	300	559	0	0	0	859	100.0%
Total:	0	526	559	0	0	0	1,085	100.0%

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	113	0	0	0	0	113	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	113	0	0	0	0	113	
	Construction/Rehab	0	300	559	0	0	0	859	
		0	526	559	0	0	0	1,085	100.0%
Total:		0	526	559	0	0	0	1,085	100.0%

Project Title: - Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 25 W. Fourth Street, 400 CHA, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651.266.6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Maryland Ave. between L'Orient and Jackson

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 6 Planning Council

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Installation of a lift station to deliver stormwater to the newly created Trout Brook stream channel on the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary site. Trout Brook was buried underground in a storm sewer pipe over 100 years ago. The first phase of the project re-created the stream channel at the surface. This last piece of the project is needed to "daylight" the stormwater back to the surface. The lift station is needed because the storm sewer pipe is now 20' below the ground surface.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

This is the last phase of development for restoring a segment of the Trout Brook located in Saint Paul west of I-35E, south of Maryland Ave., and east of Agate Street. This project will harvest storm water from the Trout Brook Interceptor storm sewer (TBI), remove sediment, and daylight the water to the surface stream. The lift station is designed to capture sediment in a large sump prior to daylighting the storm water. At almost 4,000 acres, Trout Brook is the largest subwatershed in the Capitol Region Watershed District and the City of Saint Paul. Monitoring results within the corridor show that phosphorus, sediments, bacteria, lead and copper are the pollutants of most concern. The pollution sources directed to TBI include runoff from heavy industrial, commercial, transportation, and residential areas. The restored stream is part of the 42 acre Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary project. The overarching goal of the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary was to return the area back to some resemblance of its preindustrialized valley of stream floodplain and wetlands. Phase I of development included a water quality treatment complex of ponds, wetlands, and 3,000 lin. Ft. of stream corridor. By redirecting storm water from the TBI through the lift station, ponds and stream complex, the complete restoration project is anticipated to reduce phosphorus loading by 96 lbs/year, nitrogen by 960 lbs/year, and sediment by 16 tons/year. This restoration project also provides aquatic and terrestrial habitat in 1 of only 2 designated Metro Conservation Corridors within Saint Paul.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Project improves the functionality of the stream channel and our stormwater system by harvesting water out of the stormsewer system and placing it in a surface stream whereby the pump and natural functions of the stream remove non-point pollution that occurs in urban run-off. This system helps to reduce phosphorus and total suspended solids (TSS) before the water reaches the Mississippi River. The Trout Brook subwatershed is the largest subwatershed in St. Paul and the Capitol Region Watershed district draining nearly 4,000 acres.

Points Points Possible Awarded Project Importance Score: 10

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The project does have an impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the public and environment by reducing pollutant loads to the Mississippi river. It does not mitigate any code violations or any perceived danger to the community.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project has been a community grassroots led effort. There has been a strong partnership between the Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)and the City on the development of this project. This funding will leverage \$200,000 CRWD dollars already committed to the implementation of the lift station. The project is fully designed, easements have been put in place, there has been a site plan review, and a permit with the railroad is ready for implementation when construction begins.

#### 2016-2017 CF - Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The stream restoration project has a multi-functional purpose that contributes to the networks of green infrastructure that provide a range of environmental, social and economic benefits in an area that is underserved in green space. The delivery of storm water to the surface stream provides a water quality treatment train of nutrient and sediment removal within the subwatershed. It also promotes making space for water, where overland flow paths and ponding areas create a mosaic of urban corridors designed to facilitate natural hydrological processes while minimizing urban flooding, enhancing biodiversity, and improving access to recreation. It also provides opportunities for research studies and educational programming on the effects of stream daylighting and ecological succession. This investment is a benefit at a Citywide level.

	Points		Points
	Possible	_	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10		

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The project will have some future operating costs for the pump, but the pump has been designed to use minimal power. The environmental impacts are numerous. The project site is located in a former stream valley corridor. This corridor tied to the Mississippi River valley was a migratory route for many aquatic and wildlife species. While it may be impossible to ever fully restore the entire corridor (outside of project limits), these smaller pockets of refuge, or links in a chain, allow a greater chance of survival along the animal's migratory route to and from the Mississippi River. Railroad tracks, which are known to serve as gateways for wildlife movement and are located adjacent to the project site, will serve to connect this project to other pockets of habitat in the stream valley. In addition, the City and CRWD, according to developed master plan documents, plan to develop similar green space corridors immediately upstream and downstream of this project site. This project is the first phase and the lynch pin for a larger plan for green space development and water resource driven restoration within this area of Saint Paul. The project includes removal of non-native invasive plants, contaminated soil, and will restore the area to a more natural environment.

#### 2016-2017 CF - Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Since the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary was just completed in 2014, we don't have a usage count. The project is located in the North End, District 6, neighborhood. As of 2012, the total population of the neighborhood was 22,306. The neighborhood is comprised of 64% people of color and 32% of children under the age of 18. 52% of the households have an income that is less than \$35,000. 38% of the population has an income below the poverty level, compared to 22.8% city-wide.

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#### CF-0603422 Trout Brook Stormwater Infrastructure

Phase Detail												
							Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total		
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	250	0	0	0	0	250		
Total:				0	250	0	0	0	0	250		

#### **Phase Summary**

	- · · ·	Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	busands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
Construction/Rehab	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	100.0%	
Total:	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	100.0%	

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Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Construction/Rehab	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	
		0	250	0	0	0	0	250	100.0%
Total:		0	250	0	0	0	0	250	100.0%

Project Title: - Harriet Island River Walk

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 CHA 25 West Fourth Street

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 200 Dr. Justus Ohage Blvd.

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 3 – West Side

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Reconstruction of the Harriet Island Riverwalk Promenade, replacement of the decking on the Public Dock and installation of equipment will be installed to provide wireless local area network (Wi-Fi) for internet access in the park for events.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

With over 70 acres of urban waterfront, Harriet Island is one of the most visited Regional Parks in our system. In addition to being the front yard for the growing and diverse population of the West Side, Harriet Island multiple events including festivals, wedding ceremonies, celebrations at the Wigington Pavilion.

The 300 person Wigington Pavilion adjacent to Harriet Island's River Walk promenade was designed by Clarence Wesley "Cap" Wigington (1883-1967). Wigington was the nation's first black municipal architect, serving 34 years as senior designer for the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota's architectural office when the city had an ambitious building program. Wigington's architectural legacy is one of the most significant bodies of work by an African-American architect and the pavilion is on the National Historic Registry.

Other park attractions include the picnic shelter, marina, public dock, excursion dock area for the riverboat cruises and the riverboat theater – together making the promenade walk a highly visible and important face of Saint Paul for visitors.

Both wear and tear of the park and absence of utilities including Wi-Fi relate directly to revenue because they will detract potential users from bringing meetings, conferences, festivals and other celebrations to Harriet Island.

The Riverwalk Promenade connects visitors to the Wigington Pavilion and through the park along the Mississippi river. Constructed of concrete with brick accent bands and dedication pavers, it has been severely impacted by heavy trucks associated with major events, and cracks are both unsightly and potential tripping points. The walkway needs to be replaced with pavement of a stronger design that will hold up to the traffic. The replacement walkway will incorporate the dedication pavers that are part of the design concept.

The Public Dock at Harriet Island is part of the critical connection of the park to the river, and provides access to floating B&B and restaurant vendors, as well as transient boaters and event features. It is also serves as a resting area during events. The wood decking is weather-checking, and the constant flexing of the dock structure is causing other wood deterioration and irregular surfacing. Replacement of the decking is required to maintain deck integrity, eliminate tripping points, and make the surface safer for visitors.

Public internet access is regularly provided now in City facilities through local area network equipment (Wi-Fi), including libraries and community centers. Internet service will be established at the Wigington Pavilion, and equipment will be installed along the Riverwalk Promenade and at event locations in Harriet Island to extend wireless internet access across the park for event usage. This will make Harriet Island a much more functional facility and increase its usability for conventions, speaking events, workshops, etc., where lack of internet service has been problematic to speakers in the past.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Harriet Island Regional Park is our City's premier riverfront park, and the riverwalk and dock are some of the most popular features. As the park hosts many major regional events, weddings, and festivals, every year, the condition of these features is becoming critical and unacceptable for this premier park. Reconstruction will stabilize these assets, and allow the City to continue to meet demand for major community events. The proposed installation of the Wi-Fi system will satisfy the demand from event organizers and vendors to have internet access on site for event-related uses (such as point-of-sale confirmation), which is an accepted common system available at most event venues.

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	Points Possible	Points Awarded
roject Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Cracks in the concrete riverwalk are beginning to reveal uneven support, and are becoming tripping points in the walkway. Uneven ends and edges in the decking of the public dock are similarly becoming tripping points to dock users; in addition the aging wood is weather checking and presents potential wood splinters to any contact. This project will eliminate the potential hazards in both of these areas.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This work is needed to maintain the function as a premier event site, where attendance is up to 20,000 people per day. Numerous major events are hosted every year, and the reputation of the venue and the contractual relationships developed with event organizers has value to the City, and must be maintained for continued events to take place here.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The population of Saint Paul and the region benefit from the social and economic activity generated in this regional park. This activity fulfills parts of Strategy 2: "Create Vibrant Places" of the Parks Chapter of the City Comprehensive plan to ensure attractive and engaging public spaces, and to design parks and facilities for community festival opportunities.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The reconstructions will avoid service calls to fix specific hazards on a costly piecemeal basis which results in a patchwork appearance. The Wi-Fi installation will require service connection fees that will be offset by vendor service fees for events. All together, these improvements will continue to attract high-quality events which benefit the citizens of Saint Paul and the region.

Operational costs in 2014 to try and maintain the surface of the River Walk and decking of the Public Dock exceeded \$10,000 in labor and materials cost. Many of the responses were due to reports of accidents by the public

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

This work is needed to maintain the function as a premier event site, where attendance is up to 20,000 people per day. Numerous major events are hosted every year, and the reputation of the venue and the contractual relationships developed with event organizers has value to the City, and must be maintained for continued events to take place here.

In comparison to the whole of Saint Paul, the adjacent West Side Neighborhood has a diverse population. West Side Neighborhood %/Saint Paul %:

29% Hispanic, 14% black, 8% Asian and 45% white with 4% reporting 2 or more races. The neighborhood has experienced a declining median household income

Budget Year: 2015 Status: FINAL

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#### CF-0302905 Harriet Island Riverwalk Promenade Repair

Phase Detail										
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	78	0	0	0	0	78
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	1,300	0	0	0	1,300
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	55	0	0	0	55
Design	CIB			0	75	0	0	0	0	75
Total:				0	153	1,355	0	0	0	1,508

#### **Phase Summary**

		Yearly Amount (in Thousands)						
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	78	0	0	0	0	78	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	1,300	0	0	0	1,300	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	55	0	0	0	55	100.0%
Design	0	75	0	0	0	0	75	100.0%
Total:	0	153	1,355	0	0	0	1,508	100.0%

Fin			Yearly Amount (in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	78	0	0	0	0	78	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	1,300	0	0	0	1,300	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	55	0	0	0	55	
	Design	0	75	0	0	0	0	75	
		0	153	1,355	0	0	0	1,508	100.0%
Total:		0	153	1,355	0	0	0	1,508	100.0%

Project Title: - Como Park – Intersections and Crosswalk modifications

Proposing Agency or Group: - Department of Parks and Recreation

Proposer's Address: - 400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Jody Martinez

Phone Number: - 651-266-6424

Email Address: - jody.martinez@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Horton Avenue/Midway Parkway

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 6 Planning Commission and District 10 - Como Community

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4 and Ward 5

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Intersections at Horton and Midway Parkway and Horton and Lexington Parkway, as well as, a crosswalk between the golf course and lakeside pavilion need to be modified to reduce vehicular congestion and conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Two intersections on Horton Avenue (at Midway Parkway and at Lexington Parkway) experience heavy congestion during peak park hours. During peak hours, there is heavy congestion at the intersection of Horton and Midway Parkway due to a large number of left-turning vehicles limited sightlines. Also, an adjacent parking lot leads to the congestion as vehicles use the parking lot as a pass through to avoid the intersection. At Horton Avenue and Lexington Parkway, congestion builds due to short turn lanes and elimination of drive lanes. There are 4 lanes of traffic south of Horton Avenue but only two lanes north of Horton Avenue due to the narrow width of the historic bridge. Among the modifications to improvement vehicular congestion, it is necessary to maintain safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. While both intersections function acceptably during off-peak times, modifications are necessary in order to alleviate congestion during peak times.

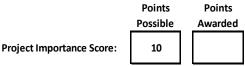
Also, a pedestrian crossing between the Como Golf Course and Lakeside Pavilion needs to be improved in order to more safely allow pedestrians to cross Lexington

Parkway. During the winter, especially, there are a significant number of people that park in the Lakeside Pavilion parking lot and walk over to an event at the Golf Course. Currently, the crossing is not clearly marked, and the curving and rolling condition of Lexington Parkway in this area can be challenging for people crossing Lexington Parkway.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Como Park receives nearly 4.5 million visitors per year. Access to the park is primarily by motor vehicle and at peak times, traffic congestion certainly rises. It is necessary to improve the circulation at Como in order to better accommodate the visitors and provide for a growing attendance at Como.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists utilize the same space at each of the locations indicated in this proposal. The solutions to these intersections will need to address all forms of transportation and make sure they work together and provide safe maneuvering to avoid conflicts.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

All three locations of this proposal were identified in the Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan as needing improvements.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

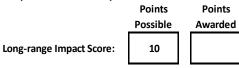
4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Currently, during peak times, vehicles that are making left hand turns, cause traffic to back up significantly. Pedestrians and bicyclists that use the trails that intersect with these intersections can be at risk due to limited sightlines.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

These projects are identified in the Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan. Improvements to these intersections will provide increased safety for vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists. Overall, ease of maneuvering through the park, even during peak times, will provide a more relaxed and enjoyable experience for park users.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

- Nearly 4.5 million people visit Como Regional Park annually.
- The traffic counts at surrounding intersections are:
  - AADT Horton West of Midway Parkway 11,675 (July 2013)
  - AADT Horton East of Midway Parkway 13,300 (July 2013)
  - AADT Lexington Parkway South of Horton 15,375 (July 2013)

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#### CF-5503405 Como Park -Intersections and Crosswalk Modif

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)								
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	74	0	0	0	0	74
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	837	0	0	0	837
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	46	0	0	0	46
Design	CIB			0	64	0	0	0	0	64
Total:				0	138	883	0	0	0	1,021

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	74	0	0	0	0	74	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	837	0	0	0	837	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	46	0	0	0	46	100.0%
Design	0	64	0	0	0	0	64	100.0%
Total:	0	138	883	0	0	0	1,021	100.0%

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	74	0	0	0	0	74	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	837	0	0	0	837	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	46	0	0	0	46	
	Design	0	64	0	0	0	0	64	
		0	138	883	0	0	0	1,021	100.0%
Total:		0	138	883	0	0	0	1,021	100.0%

Project Title: - Conway Park-Heart of the D1 Community

Proposing Agency or Group: - District 1 Community Council

Proposer's Address: - 2105 1/2 Old Hudson SP 55119

Contact Person: - Betsy Leach

Phone Number: - 651-578-7600

Email Address: - district1council@aol.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - grounds at 2090 Conway Street

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 1

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Creating an active outdoor community space for the District 1 community through planning and installation of a skate park, picnic tables and grills, a small amphitheater, and a young people's basketball court in the eastern section of Conway Park.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

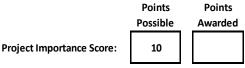
Three of the four recreation centers in District 1 no longer are managed by Parks and Recreation staff. District 1 has over 20,000 residents, a significant majority of whom are from communities of color. The district has few other public assets other than SunRay Library and the district's open spaces. In 2014, a splashpad at Conway was opened which significantly changed the range of visitors to the park – beginning to make it a real destination. In 2015 the library and the Children and Nature Network will begin a greening process (actually a naturalizing process) in Conway Park that will bring native landscaping, nature learning AND literacy activities onto the grounds. As a result of the planning process for that greening, additional community recreational needs were identified including 1) the desire to save some area in the eastern section for a small skate park for those youth who do not participate in team sports, 2) a basketball court for youth under the age of 12 that is out of the way of the court used by older children and adults, 3) an area for preparation and eating of food (picnic tables and grills) in association with the community garden and the St. Thomas experimental gardens, and 4) a small amphitheater-type gathering space near these gardens for outdoor

"classrooms", art/music/performances. In order to effectively site these amenities some additional work is needed to create the most effective community center. This project could be phased in a variety of ways, starting with the siting process.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project improves a community asset that is in increasing demand by diversifying potential activities there and making better use of currently passive open space (vast areas of turf). It improves its functionality as a park, and creates the entire campus as a community center in an area that has limited public gathering spaces for a large, very diverse population.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Siting of these amenities will be crucial to avoid creating safety hazards.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The planning that the Library went through for the naturalizing project brought out many of these issues. In addition, community members have been asking for activities in this area for a range of ages and interests. This project leverages the work and funding that has come through the Children and Nature Network to the library. It also demonstrates collaboration among gardeners, library visitors, sports enthusiasts, nature enthusiasts, families, youth and elders.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. •

Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will create an active outdoor space that will become the heart of the District 1 community. It will increase property values in the Conway neighborhood, improve the appearance and usability of the park, and will encourage healthy activities among a wide range of people. It will also serve as a location that will bring together in one place people who are unlikely to come together otherwise, because this area has so few community gathering spaces. This seems to be the essence of creating a livable space.

**Community Benefit Score:** 



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5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

This project should create spaces that require minimal future operating costs and would go a long way toward improving local health as well as community health and wellbeing.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The surrounding community consists of high density, multi-family apartments and modest single-family homes. The population is one of the most ethnically diverse in our very diverse district. There are large numbers of children in the area, and the colocation in the park of the public library, a privatized recreation center, a splashpad and totlot, basketball court, tennis courts, and community garden, in addition to the western ball fields, mean that this park is a potential hub of activities that can meet that needs of the full range of the district's population. The use of the park increased tremendously and diversified with the opening of the splashpad and the upgrade of the totlot. This increase in use can only continue with more activities in this very large space.

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#### CF-0103482 Conway Park-Heart of the D1 Community

Phase Detail										
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	40	0	0	0	0	40
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	0	20	0	0	0	20
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	600	0	0	0	600
Design	CIB			0	20	20	0	0	0	40
Total:				0	60	640	0	0	0	700

#### **Phase Summary**

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Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	600	0	0	0	600	100.0%
Design	0	20	20	0	0	0	40	100.0%
Total:	0	60	640	0	0	0	700	100.0%

Fin			Yearly Amount (in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	600	0	0	0	600	
	Design	0	20	20	0	0	0	40	
		0	60	640	0	0	0	700	100.0%
Total:		0	60	640	0	0	0	700	100.0%

Project Title: - Event Center at Eastview

Proposing Agency or Group: - District 1 Community Council

Proposer's Address: - 2105 ½ Old Hudson SP 55119

Contact Person: - Betsy Leach

Phone Number: - 651-578-7600

Email Address: - district1council@aol.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 5th and Kennard

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 1

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Redesign Eastview Rec Center to be a for-rent event facility for the eastside with office space for small nonprofit (similar to Como Street car station or Newell Park facility).

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Eastview Rec Center is a small neighborhood rec facility that has been privatized for several years. The eastside has a limited number of facilities that can be used for community gatherings and events. The neighbors of Eastview have been very dissatisfied with the partners currently at the site and their lack of community-oriented activities and lack of oversight of the facility and grounds. This project would involve a remodel of the facility to act as an event center for rent similar to the Newell Park facility in District 11. It would include office space for a small nonprofit that could manage and staff the space in lieu of rent (similar to the Como Streetcar Station). This project could be undertaken in phases with an indoor and outdoor component – planning, remodel of interior(opening up of the space, dramatic redesign of the bathrooms, warming room and gym space) for meetings, family gatherings, small to medium events; installation of outdoor amenities including picnic tables, space for community gardens, lawn game areas (removal of at least one of the ball fields).

This project is solving the problem that was created when the center was privatized - lack of supervision of the grounds and increase in crime, lack of activities at the park -

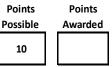
and a long-standing problem on the eastside that there are few public spaces for community gatherings of a variety of scales.

Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project creates an asset that meets and existing demand but will generate an even greater demand. The current use of the site does not serve the local community and in fact creates a community liability.

**Project Importance Score:** 



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The unsupervised grounds have resulted in a dramatic increase in illegal activity especially among youth.

> Points Points Possible Safety Concerns Score: 10

Awarded

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

This project is compatible with requests that neighbors have been making for over three years. It would allow a community collaboration to develop. Loss of revenue from current lessees would be more than made up by rental income from events.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

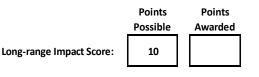
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Community space is a community benefit that cannot be overestimated. This would enhance local property values, increase safety and livability and increase the aesthetic appearance of the facility and its grounds.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

I think the changes in operating costs would be a wash.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

This area has been among the hardest hit in District 1 by the recession and the housing crisis. The site's proximity to Harding High School has meant that it has often been an attractive nuisance for the neighbors. Much time has been spent in trying to address ways to get volunteers to program and monitor the site. This has been ineffective. Having a community nonprofit partner managing and using the facility as a meeting place can address these issues and provide stability. The space, however, is early 60s era sports design – cinderblock, dark and cold. Remodeling could open it up to an inviting family and community center.

Budget Year: 2015

Status: FINAL

Stage: S

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#### CF-0103483 Event Center at Eastview

		-		Phase De						
Fin Start End Yearly Amount						t (in thousa	ands)			
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Preliminary Design	CIB			0	40	0	0	0	0	40
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	101	9	0	0	0	110
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	1,010	135	0	0	0	1,145
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	25	54	0	0	0	79
Design	CIB			0	96	0	0	0	0	96
Total:				0	1,272	198	0	0	0	1,470

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amoun	t (in Thous	sands)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Preliminary Design	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	100.0%
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	101	9	0	0	0	110	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	1,010	135	0	0	0	1,145	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	25	54	0	0	0	79	100.0%
Design	0	96	0	0	0	0	96	100.0%
Total:	0	1,272	198	0	0	0	1,470	100.0%

Fin	Yearly Amount (in thousands)								
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Preliminary Design	0	40	0	0	0	0	40	
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	101	9	0	0	0	110	
	Construction/Rehab	0	1,010	135	0	0	0	1,145	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	25	54	0	0	0	79	
	Design	0	96	0	0	0	0	96	
		0	1,272	198	0	0	0	1,470	100.0%
Total:		0	1,272	198	0	0	0	1,470	100.0%

Project Title: - Waterline to Conway Community Garden

Proposing Agency or Group: - District 1 Community Council

Proposer's Address: - 2105 ½ Old Hudson SP 55119

Contact Person: - Betsy Leach

Phone Number: - 651-578-7600

Email Address: - district1council@aol.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - grounds at 2090 Conway Street

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 1

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Run a water line from Conway Street to the Garden of Feed'em Community Garden at Conway Park and install a water meter and outlet to provide access to water at the garden and to the University of St. Thomas' experimental garden plots.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Community members created a community garden in Conway Park in 2011. In 2014 St. Thomas University installed a series of raised beds adjacent to the garden (leasing the space from Parks) in order to run experiments on different gardening techniques for students. The gardens can only be watered by hooking up a hose to a fire hydrant across Conway Street and dragging the hoses to the gardens – a very significant distance. This is difficult for many of the older gardeners, but must be done at least two times a week for the entire garden space due to the extremely sandy nature of the soil. The project proposes that a line be run from the watermain in the street to a central location between the two garden spaces, a meter and spigot installed to increase access.

Although many of the garden spaces are individually gardened, the St. Thomas beds serve a scientific and educational purpose, and one of the large plots is communally gardened to serve homebound seniors in the neighborhood. The plot fed 6-8 elders weekly through the summer as well as supplying fresh produce to the neighborhood

foodshelf. The plot was intended to be gardened by local youth and elders, but the strength and stamina needed to water prevented that from happening.

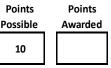
There is currently no water meter on the fire hydrant so installation of the water meter would mean that the city could at least charge for water used.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

This project improves the functionality of a current community asset.

Project Importance Score:



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The safety concerns with the current situation are around personal injury and are covered by liability insurance, and irrelevant to this proposal.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The gardeners, St. Thomas University, the District Council, the elders served by the garden, and the immediate neighbors all support this project for a variety of reasons.

Points Points Possible Awarded

Demonstrated Support Score:

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The community benefit is to increase livability in the neighborhood, decrease wasted water, increase food production for elders receiving food, and to improve the educational experience of those gardening.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

This project supports efforts at community building and healthy living.

	Possible
Long-range Impact Score:	10



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The gardeners at this location are a diverse group by ethnicity, age, and economic status. The elders benefiting are homebound and many are disabled and living on small fixed incomes. The fresh produce they receive is a welcome change to their diet. The educational opportunity provided by the St. Thomas program is priceless – students not only get to interact with people they might not otherwise meet, they are gaining experience in creating new scientific knowledge about botanical and soil systems.

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#### CF-0103484 Waterline to Conway Community Garden

Phase Detail										
						arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	19	0	0	0	0	19
Design	CIB			0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total:				0	22	0	0	0	0	22

#### **Phase Summary**

		Ye	arly Amount	( in Thousan	ds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	100.0%
Design	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	100.0%
Total:	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	100.0%

Fin			Y	early Amount	t ( in thousand	s)	Yearly Amount (in thousands)					
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total			
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds											
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				
	Construction/Rehab	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				
	Construction Mgmt.	0	19	0	0	0	0	19				
	Design	0	1	0	0	0	0	1				
		0	22	0	0	0	0	22	100.0%			
Total:		0	22	0	0	0	0	22	100.0%			

Project Title: - Circus Juventas Expansion

Proposing Agency or Group: - Circus Juventas

Proposer's Address: - 1270 Montreal Avenue

Contact Person: - Dan Butler, President and CEO

Phone Number: - 651-699-8229

Email Address: - Dan@CircusJuventas.org

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 1270 Montreal (in Highland Park); near Hamline/Edgcumbe intersection

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 15 - Highland District Council

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 3

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Circus Juventas intends to expand its current facility by approximately 13,000 square feet to add a significant amount of circus training space and dance/theater studios to meet the high demand for classes, and also to improve and expand the entrance/lobby areas and add prop/costume shops, restrooms and administrative offices.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Twenty years ago, the City of St. Paul encouraged the development of a small afterschool youth program by welcoming Circus of the Star to Hillcrest Recreation Center. With the City's continued support, and after becoming a nonprofit and building our Highland Park facility on City land in 2001, Circus Juventas now serves about 2,500 young people each year and is the largest youth circus performing arts program in North America. Over the years, Circus Juventas students have performed for hundreds of thousands of people in St. Paul at our shows and at community events, as well as hosting school field trips. Now overcrowded and bursting at the seams, Circus Juventas' proposed expansion increases training space and prop/costume shops and provides needed support infrastructure so our young people can flourish and audiences will be well served. The alternatives are to build a larger facility in the Twin Cities or to reduce the number of students served; our board of directors believes expansion of the current facility is the best option to pursue at this time. The entire project will occur when fully funded through a capital campaign and is planned to include: 1. A 50' x 80' gymnasium for 'ground' acts like juggling and unicycle (to separate these from the aerial act training space in the Big Top – trapeze, silks, high wire) 2. Expanded and better defined entrance and lobby 3. Three studios for dance and theater training (currently we have only one studio) 4. Prop/costume shops (currently in hallways, offices) 5. Additional restrooms and remodel/expand existing restrooms 6.

Additional administrative offices (currently overcrowded and encroaching into training space) 7. Improved functionality and aesthetics of driveways, landscaping, sidewalks, signage, garbage Activities will continue while the expansion is being built; we anticipate a multi-week shut down during the final stages of remodeling existing spaces and connecting to the expansion areas.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

Our Big Top was custom designed for the unique requirements of circus arts training and, in many ways, functions well for our students, parents and audiences except that it is very overcrowded. Adding training space to meet the high demand for classes and improving both aesthetics and functionality of the entrance/lobby will significantly enhance everyone's experience, and make the facility far more functional. In addition, the need for prop/costume shop space was not anticipated in the original design but has become a critical part of our performance productions.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

Coaches and staff are diligent about safety, especially in our overcrowded environment. Having more space – and the right kind of space – for ground acts will ultimately improve safety and give all students the space they need to practice with fewer distractions. Prop shop activity (building sets and props) currently takes place in our 'backstage' passageway. While we have not had any safety incidents, 'best practice' would be to house the prop shop power tools and equipment in a locked room.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Highland District Council and the Highland Business Association value Circus Juventas and have been very supportive of these expansion plans. With year-round classes and sold-out public performances (almost 30,000 tickets sold per year), the economic impact on the community is significant. Expansion will also allow increased enrollment through our collaborations with Neighborhood House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and with public school field trips. City support for this project will support the case for private sector capital campaign funding.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

Circus Juventas is a signature organization in the Highland neighborhood and draws students and audiences from all over the Twin Cities. Improving signage, landscaping, garbage/recycling screening, and redefining/expanding entrance and lobby areas will raise the aesthetics to the level of our high-quality classes and performances. The most likely location for public art would be a commissioned artwork outside of the main entrance that would reflect our focus on circus, youth and multiculturalism. The ground acts training space expansion will be less visible but will significantly benefit our students' circus training experience.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Expanding the Big Top will allow Circus Juventas to continue its unique programming at this location at a high quality level. We have planned for increased facilities operating costs in our financial forecasts. We anticipate that the expansion will allow some growth in the number of students served with improved flexibility for scheduling classes, and we are looking to expand programming more morning hours (school field trips, professional level training, etc.) when the facility is currently underutilized. We envision a vibrant and well-designed facility that works well for our students, parents, and audiences for years to come. Our architect, civil engineer and City representatives have had a pre-development meeting regarding potential zoning, environmental and public safety issues; minor issues raised will be addressed by the design team. We have already completed geotechnical and topographic surveys.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

During 2013/14, about 950 students were enrolled in our year round after school program, including 170 students receiving full or partial need-based scholarships and an additional 420 students enrolled in summer day camps (70/week for six weeks). About 400 students participated in school field trips to Circus Juventas. Young adults with developmental disabilities enroll in our "Wings' program, and our new "Out of the Chair" program has paraplegic young adults participate using modified circus equipment. On average, year-round students enroll in 2.5 one-hour classes /week; some of our advanced students are taking 8 - 12 classes/week, while our youngest students take just one class/week. Over 70% of students have taken classes for three years or more, and over 35% have taken classes for six years or more. Approximately 35% of our students live in St. Paul; another 24% come from the surrounding east metro area, with the remainder from west metro area or further away. Some summer camp students come from all over the country. St. Paul students attended 37 schools all over the city, not just from the Highland neighborhood. 73% of our students are female and 27% are male. Audiences for public ticketed performances were 56% from St. Paul or the east metro area, 40% from Minneapolis or the west metro area, and 4% from outside the metro area.

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#### CF-1503403 **Circus Juventas**

Phase Detail										
FinStartEndYearly Amount (in thousands)						ands)				
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	150	0	0	0	0	150
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	2,327	0	0	0	0	2,327
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CIB			0	94	0	0	0	0	94
Design	CIB			0	131	0	0	0	0	131
Total:				0	2,702	0	0	0	0	2,702

#### Phase Summary

			Yearly Amount	( in Thousar	nds)			
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	150	0	0	0	0	150	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	2,327	0	0	0	0	2,327	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	94	0	0	0	0	94	100.0%
Design	0	131	0	0	0	0	131	100.0%
Total:	0	2,702	0	0	0	0	2,702	100.0%

Fin			Yearly Amount ( in thousands)						
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	CIB - Capital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	150	0	0	0	0	150	
	Construction/Rehab	0	2,327	0	0	0	0	2,327	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	94	0	0	0	0	94	
	Design	0	131	0	0	0	0	131	
		0	2,702	0	0	0	0	2,702	100.0%
Total:		0	2,702	0	0	0	0	2,702	100.0%

Project Title: - Westgate Bike Lane Project

Proposing Agency or Group: - St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) D12

Proposer's Address: - 890 Cromwell Ave

Contact Person: - Suyapa Miranda

Phone Number: - 651-649-5992

Email Address: - suyapa@sapcc.org

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Westgate Ave from Territorial to the transit way

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District Council 12 – St. Anthony Park

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The objective is to promote alternative and multi-modal transportation by turning an obscure access point on the Westgate Ave from Territorial into a safe and appealing four-season entry point. We propose a combination of landscaping, trail improvement, and signage implemented in phases. The first step will be directional signage/map to call attention to destinations within reach (State Fairgrounds, TCF Stadium, campuses, Light Rail, Dinkytown Greenway) and to welcome users to Saint Anthony Park.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

There are life and safety hazards at each intersection of the Westgate with city streets, Dangerous for walking and bicycling. Poor visibility. Lack of lighting. These hazards will continue to increase as neighborhood density and multi-modal transit grows

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project The objective is to promote alternative and multi-modal transportation by turning an obscure access point on the Westgate into a safe and appealing four-season entry point to and from the SAP neighborhood. We propose a combination of landscaping, trail improvement, and signage implemented in phases. The first step will be directional signage/map to call attention to destinations within reach (State Fairgrounds, TCF Stadium, campuses, Light Rail, Dinkytown Greenway) and to welcome users to SAP.

• Why is this project important? There are life and safety hazards at each intersection of the Westgate with city streets, Normal rules of the road, e.g. vehicles yielding to crosswalk users, these hazards will continue to increase as neighborhood density and multi-modal transit grows. • Is there any historical context we should be aware of?

• What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? The immediate need is to address hazards waiting to happen due to inadequate Westgate Ave and from Territorial at intersections and non-bike friendly access. These include potential injury to riders from serious erosion of the 'informal'; or to pedestrians and riders due to the contradictory and poorly sited signage Westgate intersections which prioritizes through traffic over crosswalk traffic.

• Will this project occur in phases or stages? What are they? Phase 1: install welcome/directional sign and develop detailed plan for gateway access point via public review meetings Phase 2: install retaining wall and plantings to stabilize erosion Phase 3: convert informal dirt bike trail to asphalt and improve signage to warn pedestrians and bicyclists that campus transit traffic has priority at crossings.

0	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

There are life and safety concerns at each intersection of the Westgate Ave from Territorial way with city streets, which will increase as neighborhood density and multimodal transit grows. Westgate local access, creating the potential for injury to pedestrians and riders due to the contradictory and poorly sited signage as well as to riders from serious erosion. Currently, there are hundreds of pedestrian and bicycle Westgate users, including residents of north and south Saint Anthony Park Westgate, boosted by the opening of the GreenLine, Vikings use of TCF Stadium, the forthcoming Surly destination brewery, and development of the 'Innovation Corridor' in Prospect Park.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community

collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The project is intended to integrate with the multi-year process culminating in the redesign of from Westgate Avenue from Territorial.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The project will benefit residents of SAP and those crossing other from Minneapolis, as well as pedestrians and bicyclists using University Avenue transit routes. The project will raise community awareness by branding an identity for the SAP neighborhood. Which is currently overlooked and neglected 'edge' zone, (which is now frequently used drive through street). By establishing a recognizable second entry point to the neighborhood in conjunction with the adjacent community garden and prairie restoration, the project will integrate with the planned re-vitalization of SAP on Territorial and orient users to the Green Line, Creative Enterprise Zone, to the re-invention of the adjacent Industrial/warehouse zone on the east side of Raymond Avenue and the development of the 'Innovation Corridor in Prospect Park.

	Possible
Community Benefit Score:	10

Awarded

Points

Points

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The benefit of the project is to further build out the bike trail network connecting Saint Paul and Minneapolis to enable alternative transportation. It is not envisaged that future operating costs would be impacted by the project.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Long-range Impact Score:	10	

Section D – Additional Information 1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Creative Enterprise Zone (South SAP) consists of a variety of single- and multi-family housing located within 0.5 mile of the Central Corridor. Non-resident use includes a high volume of commercial, public and private transport on Westgate Ave from Territorial Avenue to/from Light Rail, the State Fairgrounds, and the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota, which is 3 block east of the project site.

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#### Westgate Bike Lane Project CF-1203409

				Phase De	tail					
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	20	0	0	0	0	20
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	80	0	0	0	0	80
Total:				0	100	0	0	0	0	100

#### **Phase Summary**

			Yearly Amoun	t (in Thous	in Thousands)				
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total	
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	100.0%	
Construction/Rehab	0	80	0	0	0	0	80	100.0%	
Total:	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	100.0%	

	Financing Source Detail / Summary								
Fin			Y	early Amount	<b>t</b> ( in thousand	s)			
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	
	Construction/Rehab	0	80	0	0	0	0	80	
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Total:	Total: 0 100 0 0 0 0 100 100.0%							100.0%	

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Changing Lives, Building Futures Midway YMCA Capital Campaign

Proposing Agency or Group: - YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities

Proposer's Address: - 2125 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Contact Person: - Kerry Givens

Phone Number: - 612-371-8770

Email Address: - Kerry.Givens@YMCAtwincities.org

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Fairview/University Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 11 – Hamline Midway Coalition

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 4

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The Green Line launch and the City's 2015 commitment to the restoration of Dickerman Park have created ideal timing for complete redevelopment of the Midway YMCA. This new state-of-the-art facility will allow increased in community programming and services to the broader population to maintain its important role within the community.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

As the symbolic "heart" of Saint Paul, the Midway YMCA has served the community needs for more than 155 years from various facilities. It remains an active and engaged member of the Midway community. The Midway YMCA has been recognized as one of Saint Paul's leading social service organizations for generations — recognized as "Best Not-for-Profit Agency" by the Midway Chamber of Commerce in 2013. With construction of a new state-of-the-art facility, the Midway YMCA is committed to serving the community for another fifty years or more. The YMCA has built a widely recognized track record of matching community members with resources and opportunities to meet contemporary needs. Sixty years ago a successful capital campaign created the Midway YMCA – a Y built for its time. As with many Y locations, available programs and services were based on community need. In 1952, the individuals and programs served consisted primarily of youth programs with few adult and senior activities, reflecting the key opportunities of the day. Today, the Midway YMCA has evolved into an active community recreation center, serving youth, adults, families, and seniors through

programs and services focused on addressing health and educational disparities including but not limited to: • Aquatics (parent and child swim lessons, water safety, and water exercise), • Health and Wellness (active older adult 65+ Silver Sneakers program, adult fitness classes, wellness consultations, youth sports, and nutrition education) • Youth Development (early child care, school-age child care, day camp, summer programming, free programming for low-income youth, and sports). The Midway YMCA is determined to welcome members and participants by making the facility and programs affordable to all. In 2013, over \$400,000 in financial assistance was awarded for memberships and program assistance. Thirty-one percent of our membership participates in our Personal Pricing assistance program. This project has been discussed for many years. The timing is right and significant funding and community support has been secured. The Capital Campaign started in 2012 and to-date has raised \$8.5 million of the \$16.4 million project. The new Midway YMCA Capital Campaign will provide the necessary resources to respond to the growing and diverse community. Our YMCA is growing, and with the Green Line service nearly 40,000 people pass our location daily, with 1,000-2,000 boarding between Fairview and Snelling. To best serve the community we will create a modern facility with energy efficient equipment and environmentally preferred products that is welcoming and accessible. This updated facility will ultimately double the number of people served, increasing membership from 1,800 to 3,300, while serving a greater community population through community-based programs and services at the YMCA and other partner organizations. Construction timeline: • January 2015 - Architectural plans have been finalized • February 2015 - Abatement and Building Demolition • March 2015 -Temporarily location open at 1000 University Avenue, St. Paul\* • April 2015 -Construction will begin • Spring 2016 - Completion of new Midway YMCA \* Deeply committed to University Avenue and the community, the Midway YMCA will temporarily relocate to 1000 University Avenue during construction. The YMCA is investing \$200,000 to equip and prepare this temporary site, as well \$15,000 monthly in rent. This considerable investment is a testament to the YMCA's commitment to residents of the neighborhoods connected to each other by the Green Line and University Avenue.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

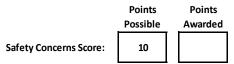
The University Avenue facility has welcomed children, youth, adults, and families since 1952 as an integrated, cross-cultural, multi-generational recreation center. The current building was financed with a successful Capital Campaign launched in 1992 that included CDGB funding. Times have changed and in order to continue to meet the needs of the neighborhood, the building needs a complete renovation. This improved Midway YMCA will offer state-of-the-art amenities to keep pace with trends and attract new visitors. The current structure and design is old and outdated and in dire need of updating. Modernizing the public face, providing improved and more contemporary amenities, and increasing programming will allow the Midway YMCA to double the number of people served. Improvements to the building will: • Increase neighborhood

property value, • Increase free programming for low-income youth, • Provide an accessible place for residents to gather, and . Serve the greater population through community based-programs and services that are welcoming and accessible to all. This up-to-date facility will include energy efficient equipment and environmentally preferred products. Elevators and ADA compliant features will ensure the Midway YMCA facility is fully accessible for those with special mobility needs. It will also include simple bike racks to encourage green commuting and healthy lifestyles. The new building will include: • Lobby and welcome area • Multi-purpose gathering/community room • Multipurpose gymnasium • Indoor walking path • Demonstration kitchen • Full accessibility (ADA compliant) • Aquatics Center: Warm water, zero entry leisure pool (interactive water features and an area for water exercise and lanes for Swim Academy lessons); Lap pool; Whirlpool; On-deck co-ed sauna • Health and Wellness Center: Cutting-edge cardio and strength conditioning equipment; mind/body studio; high energy studio; group exercise studio; stretching area; personal training space • Children's Areas: Kids' Stuff drop-off child care; Indoor activity area; Outdoor play area • Racquetball and handball courts • Locker rooms (male, female, and family locker rooms) • Administrative offices • Office space for Open Path Resources, a Somali-based organization currently renting space in the Midway YMCA building. This organization is working to organize the civic capacity and civic infrastructure between the 140,000+ MN East African community and the larger social systems to create a more inclusive active citizenry. The Midway YMCA provides the organization with free office space and program support for MN East African community – primarily for children while families are meeting with OPR staff. The construction of a new Midway YMCA would enable an expanded scope of youth programming and services that are affordable and accessible. These programs includes: • Opportunities for recreational youth sports lessons and programs, such as basketball leagues and racquetball games. • Swim classes and water safety instruction to young people and their families. (Local youth from minority and immigrant backgrounds have some of the highest drowning and water accident rates in the country.) • Nutrition and healthy living programs for youth using HEPA (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity) standards. • Youth development initiatives that connect students with trained academic tutors, mentors, and college/career coaches like YMCA Multicultural Achievers. • Effective childcare programs, as well as new places for fun, play, and bonding for young parents and their children. • Youth Intervention Services to provide basic supports such as food and housing to youth in crisis. The Midway YMCA is an active member on the Design Advisory Committee for the restoration of Dickerman Park. Located along University Avenue, from Fairview to Aldine Avenue, Dickerman Park offers 2.5 acres of green space along the busy artery connecting Minneapolis and St. Paul. The redesign of this linear park will address the shortage of green space along the Green Line corridor and will also serve as a gathering place for community groups. As a guardian of the small park for 63 years, the Midway YMCA has mowed, shoveled, and spent thousands of dollars on maintenance. The Midway YMCA is funding City-led streetscape improvements on University with \$9,000 in assessments, to help make the street an inviting and healthy place. The Midway YMCA has demonstrated its commitment to the neighborhood and partnership with City St. Paul public works. The improvement and expansion of the Midway YMCA will ensure that we continue to build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. This project will allow us YMCA to

offer even more life-enhancing programs and activities for the populations served. As the City grows to include new immigrants and members ages 65+, this new facility will meet the needs of our changing population and attract residents from other neighborhoods.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements



# 2. Residential and Economic Benefit: • Improves residential and neighborhood stability • Project creates or improves job opportunities • Project improves business opportunity • Remedies safety issues that pose danger to person or community

With its location on the Green Line, the Midway YMCA is in need of key improvements to ensure it is welcoming and accessible to all. The updated Midway YMCA facility will:

• Involve a broader base of the community in the health, wellness and other programs for which the Midway YMCA is well known

• Allow additional community organizations to utilize the gathering space

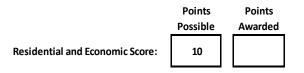
• Create 8 full-time and 12 part-time new employment opportunities on-site

• Generate economic activity for local businesses and attract other business to move into the neighborhood

• Encourage other businesses to improve their physical appearance to create a welcoming and prosperous community

• Offer a welcoming and accessible place for all

• Provide work for approximately 85 direct and 141 indirect construction employees.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Midway YMCA Capital Campaign was conceived in 2013. We held a series of community focus groups and solicited feedback from more than 200 YMCA members

and St. Paul Midway area residents. The organization conducted a market analysis to gauge needs and help build a business case, and determined that there would be public support for a capital campaign. The market study tested the amenities to be included in the building, whether or not people would return when the building was completed, and estimated how many new people would join. Midway YMCA members were invited to participate in that survey. In fall 2013, we conducted a feasibility study and concluded that the response to an updated building was favorable. The YMCA's General Board of Directors approved land acquisition in the winter. Total cost of the new Midway Y is \$16.4 million, which will be secured by September 2016. Support for the program extends into all areas of the local community: • The City of St. Paul - The Midway YMCA has worked with Mayor Coleman on many community-enhancing projects, including the development of the Sprockets program for the St. Paul School District. The Mayor has witnessed the Y's strong commitment to the community and is a strong supporter of the Midway YMCA and this capital project in specific. • State of Minnesota - Erin Murphy is a strong supporter of this project and the Midway YMCA in general. Ranking minority on the House Capital Investment Committee, Alice Hausman and her officials are strong supporters of this project. • Midway Chamber of Commerce - The Chamber has been and continues to be a strong supporter for the Midway YMCA. A partner in many efforts, the Chamber recognizes their commitment to the neighborhood and desire to offer relevant programming. Financial Support The YMCA has secured \$12,760,000 in funding for this project. The projected sources of funding include: • Philanthropic Sources: \$5,000,000 (\$1,700,000 secured) • Government Investment: \$500,000 (Pending) • New Market Tax Credit: \$1,900,000 (Secured) • Tax Exempt Financing: \$2,774,125 - (Secured) • YMCA Undesignated Reserves: \$4,373,000 (Committed) • Midway YMCA Operations Cash Flow: 2,000,000 (Projected) • The Y expects to raise and approximately \$3.3 million in additional philanthropic support and has identified individual, foundation and corporate prospects • There is an additional \$1,100,000 in grants pending with eight foundations • In October 2014, the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation approved a \$500,000 challenge grant to inspire giving in Phase II and III of the campaign.

	Points	Points
	Possible	 Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

The Midway YMCA has been helping people live healthier and more positive lives for over a century and plays a significant role in the community. This project will bring needed improvements to the neighborhood and to members of the Midway YMCA. These necessary improvements to the facility will allow the Midway YMCA to meet the changing needs of the community by: • Providing an accessible gathering space and expanded programming. • Improving the aesthetic appearance of the building, which will attract more residents and visitors to the area. • Landscaping of Dickerman Park will

provide eye-pleasing green space along the Green Line Corridor, including a sculpture. Improving the health and wellness of neighborhood residents, the academic success of its young people, and rising poverty levels. The YMCA is committed to meeting the needs of our local constituents by providing mission-based programming that includes health, human services and educational opportunities to people of all ages, genders, backgrounds and economic levels. The Midway YMCA is uniquely positioned to continue its role as a positive, unifying force in this community, helping the people of the local community meet their needs and shape better futures through creative programming, guality facilities, and expanded services. 

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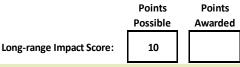
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5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability Project provides tangible return on investment
 Project is included in Cityapproved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

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Construction of a new Midway YMCA, with modernized facilities and programming, presents an opportunity to build on and link to community revitalization underway in the neighborhood. Recent investments in the Griggs Midway Building and Goodwill, and expansion of Episcopal Homes have added to the area surrounding the Midway YMCA, and the integrated redevelopment of the Midway YMCA and Dickerman Park will continue the momentum that supports property value and lease rates in Merriam Park, Iris Park, and Hamline-Midway. The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities has orchestrated renovations of other branches and witnessed demonstrated positive results of the enhanced facilities. Recent projects include the Ridgedale YMCA and Blaisdell YMCA branches. Both projects were completed within the estimated timeframe, while maintaining the active membership and producing an increase in new memberships. The new facility will be made of environmentally friendly materials and will provide a beautiful facility to the community for the next fifty years and beyond. Built more than fifty years ago, the current YMCA building is includes outdated systems. The new facility will be constructed with energy efficient equipment (HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc.) and environmentally preferred products (interior design). The new building will conserve water, have an enhanced indoor environment and optimize operational maintenance. The new Midway YMCA will reduce the consumption of non-renewable resources, minimize waste and create a healthy, productive work environment. The design will provide flexibility so the building can easily change with the times. The land site will be optimized, through landscaping, permeable pavers, and improved green space. The project will strive to achieve 20% environmentally friendly materials and the energy management systems will assure systems are performing top levels at all times throughout its operational life. An estimated \$16.4 million reconstruct of the Midway YMCA with incremental unit growth in membership units from 1,455 to 3,258-3,743 in three years as supported by our feasibility study. Our market study tested both our current location as well as a mixed-use site at Goodwill Easter Seals at University and Fairview Avenue. Our pro forma is based largely on market feasibility study on

membership growth, which was reduced by 40% in the feasibility study to accommodate low-income demographics. Unit growth was modeled based on other actual branch openings within the past few years. Unit mix is based on survey results but skewed to the current membership mix that we realize at our current location, which reflects lower family units than the market survey indicated. Program revenue and expenses are based on comparative sized location and demographic revenue models and expenses based on similar delivery models. We achieve in three years our peak membership units of 3,258. Incremental cash flow before debt service at the end of year three is estimated at \$1,150,595/year. The Midway YMCA has a strong commitment to this growing community and plans to be here well into the future.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The Midway YMCA received CDBG funding in 1992 for the Midway Family Capital Campaign. It has provided a welcoming and healthy space for our community gather for the over 20 years. It is now time to move forward and meet the expanding needs. The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities has regularly received CBDG funding in other cities, so we are familiar with the process and implications. The City of Brooklyn Park awarded CDBG funding to the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities in October 2013 and October 2014 for Youth Violence Prevention.

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CF-1103426	F-1103426 Changing Lives, Building Futures Midway YMCA									
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## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Hamm Park Restoration

Proposing Agency or Group: - Dayton's Bluff Community Council District 4

Proposer's Address: - 804 Margaret Street

Contact Person: - Deanna Abbott-Foster

Phone Number: - 651-621-2758

Email Address: - Deanna@daytonsbluff.org

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 804 Margaret and E. 7<sup>98</sup> East 7<sup>th</sup> Street

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 4 – Dayton's Bluff

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 7

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Revitalization efforts in Dayton's Bluff include beautification of green space and gathering spots in the Make it Happen on E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street commercial district. This project involves the revitalization of historically significant Hamm Park, located in the heart of the business district and adjacent to residential homes and new developments.

# <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Dayton's Bluff neighborhood on the eastside of St. Paul is beginning "its way up" after many years of lost businesses, jobs, and disinvestment. Strategic land use planning resulted in completion of the Near East Side Roadmap, created by community leaders and adopted as part of the St. Paul Comprehensive Plan. The implementation of an important part of the Roadmap was led by the Community Council's *Make it Happen on East 7th Street Initiative*. A recurring theme in the discussion of the main commercial corridor was the need for community gathering places that support neighborhood connections and a strong sense of the uniqueness of Dayton's Bluff. Significant redevelopment is planned for E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the increased activity highlights the need to utilize existing assets. Hamm's Park is a triangle of green located on 7<sup>th</sup> Street just east of the historic Stutzman Building, home of Swede Hollow Café and directly across from two coming developments – Mississippi Market and 100+ unit Senior Housing development. The park land was donated to the City by the family that founded Hamm's Brewery, a successful family-owned business located in Dayton's Bluff.

that by 1965 had grown to become the 8<sup>th</sup> largest brewery in the nation. The Hamm's family donated parkland and a number of unique stone gardens in Dayton's Bluff. Hamm Park on E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street has the last remaining original stone garden built by the family and donated to the city. Located in the Dayton's Bluff Historic District, Hamm Park offers a unique opportunity to bring a touch of history to current residents of the Bluff.

The half-acre Hamm Park is an invaluable asset that has been neglected in recent years. The park is overgrown, unwelcoming and unused. This restoration plan for the park includes walkways leading into the park from different points, creating passages into the center of the park. Through a community engagement process we plan to create a "game" along the walkway that offers educational play, incorporating community history and diversity. We propose landscaping featuring sustainable plantings with drip irrigation and hardy local plants. There will be careful attention to aesthetic design as well as safety features that allow for visual access to all areas of the park. The stone garden placed in the neighborhood by the Hamm's family will be restored and a plaque will be added to recount the historical significance to residents and visitors.

The Make it Happen District will have significant reinvestment in the next few years, creating even more need to capitalize on public amenities to support and enrich the new development. The corridor needs green space and art, in order to create a message of welcoming and core values that embrace the past and the future. Dellwood Garden, an assisted living facility currently being redeveloped is adjacent to Hamm's park and the park could act as a serene spot where intergenerational communication can occur.

Proximity to Metro State University new developments, the Mississippi Market and Dominium Bates Apartments make the revitalization of this park more important than any time in the past 30 years. The park will offer needed green space at a time when existing vacant land is being developed. Families from the community need safe play environments that add to the quality of life in the neighborhood. Creative spaces encourage and support interaction and community building.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

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The Hamm Park restoration significantly improves an asset that is currently owned by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation and is historically significant because of its connection to the Hamm Family. The park is uniquely placed on a major transportation artery and is very close to multiple new developments that will create new demand. Currently Hamm Park is underutilized, and is actually a detriment to the area because of the overgrown, poorly placed shrubs and bushes. This project improves functionality of the park, making it an appealing respite in an increasingly dense urban location.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The Hamm Park Restoration project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community. The overgrown landscaping creates opportunity for hidden, illegal activity and poses a safety risk for pedestrians, local residents and businesses. The principles of Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) are well documented to be very effective in dense urban environments. The current condition of the park goes against all CPTED principles.

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Safety Concerns Score:	10

Points Points Possible Awarded

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment. Multiple proposals and community driven efforts have taken place around the revitalization of this park. Volunteer restoration has worked in the past, but the increased need and blighting nature of the current park demand a larger commitment of city resources to make use of this existing community asset. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is fully behind this project.



4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

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	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

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Project maintains an asset with historical significance

Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Points Points Possible Awarded

### Section D – Additional Information

1. Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Traffic count is significant and increasing due to new development at Beacon Bluff, Metropolitan State University, Mississippi Market, and other new developments. Total population - 16,434

Median Income - 41.864

Race:

White – 39.5 Black – 16.2 Native American- 1.3 Asian - 23.8 Hispanic/Latino – 15.0

Household Income:

Less than 35,000 – 41.5 35-49,999 – 18.2 50-74,999 – 20.5 75 – 99,999 – 10.1 100k - 9.7

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#### CF-0403213 Restoration and Redesign of Hamm Park

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Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	505	0	0	0	505
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	28	0	0	0	28
Design	CIB			0	39	0	0	0	0	39
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Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
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Construction/Rehab	0	0	505	0	0	0	505	100.0%
Construction Mgmt.	0	0	28	0	0	0	28	100.0%
Design	0	39	0	0	0	0	39	100.0%
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#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

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Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
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	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	44	0	0	0	0	44	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	505	0	0	0	505	
	Construction Mgmt.	0	0	28	0	0	0	28	
	Design	0	39	0	0	0	0	39	
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Total:		0	83	533	0	0	0	616	100.0%

## **1.** Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Rondo Commemorative Plaza

Proposing Agency or Group: - Rondo Avenue, Inc.

Proposer's Address: - 1360 University Avenue

Contact Person: - Marvin R. Anderson

Phone Number: - 651-402-0095

Email Address: - mranderson989@comcast.net

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 820 Concordia Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 8 – Summit-University

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 1

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The Rondo Commemorative Plaza and Garden (RCP&G) will be a place to remember the history of Rondo's African-American community. The space will feature interactive historical displays that will provide visual, written, and oral information, signage, images, music and art representative of the Rondo community before the I-94 was built in the early 1960s.

#### <u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

There is a three mile stretch of Interstate 94, between Rice Street on the east and Lexington Avenue on the west that destroyed Rondo Avenue, the main thoroughfare of Saint Paul's predominately African-American that existed for over 60 years until replaced by the freeway. Many car drivers or pedestrians passing along the frontage roads that boarder I-94 may not be aware of the homes, churches and businesses lost to the wrecking ball. Furthermore, there is an absence memory and of a green and/or quiet space along these corridors as well. One of the most recent structures that was lost was a storied commercial building located at 820 Concordia Avenue at the southwest corner of Concordia and Fisk. The site is located a short four blocks from the Victoria Station stop on the Green Line in the Summit-University Planning District. To preserve and promote the memory of the Rondo neighborhood and to provide the community with a place to escape the fluster of dust, noise and traffic, Rondo Avenue, Inc., (RAI) proposes to design and construct The Rondo Commerciative Plaza and

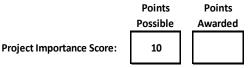
Garden (RCP&G) on this site. The RCP&G will rise on the site of the last 2-story commercial building that was located along historic Rondo Avenue. Shortly after the building was demolished by the Ramsey County, RAI purchased the lot with assistance from Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority and funding from the Saint Paul STAR Program. Currently, there are limited community resources and spaces that convey the full richness of the history of the Rondo community. The history of Rondo is "endangered history" at risk of being lost to future generations of Saint Paul residents whose personal histories and identities are connected to Rondo in one way or another. As interest increases on the part of developers, homebuyers, and business owners in the area that once hosted the Rondo neighborhood, there is a critical need to ensure this history is preserved. There is also an opportunity to foster economic development and cultural tourism in the Summit University neighborhood and the Green Line LRT by establishing points of interest that are attractive to visitors from across the metropolitan area and beyond. The RCP&G will fulfill two main purposes: (1) The Plaza will be a place to remember the history of Rondo's African-American community that was torn asunder by the construction of Interstate 94. To serve its commemorative purpose, the Plaza will have interactive historical displays that provide visual, written and oral information, signage, images, music and art representative of the old Rondo community before the freeway was built in the early 1960s. The interactive displays will be outfitted with Quick References (QR) codes that will connect the user with other institutions holding information on Rondo. The Plaza will also serve as a social center for gatherings where youth, young adults and tourists can celebrate and learn about Rondo from dialogues and exchanges with older citizens who grew up in Rondo. There will be comfortable benches and chairs, a small stage with a sound system when there are live lectures and musical presentations. (2) A Garden, incorporating the most stunning environment designs and landscaping - grass, flowers, shrubbery and pathways, will surround and enhance the Plaza. The Garden will bring back the smoothing balm of nature and provide a soft spot for commuters, residents and visitors to relax and enjoy the riot of colors and intoxicating scents of a well-designed floral garden. With return of green space the sense of renewal will pervade the neighborhood and signify the rebirth of the spirit of Rondo will endure and made available for future generations. The RCP&G is the first phase of a larger effort toward marking, preserving, and commemorating buildings and sites with historic connections to the Rondo neighborhood. Future projects being explored include collaboration with the Minnesota Historical Society to identify, catalogue, and explore historic designation for buildings and sites that were significant parts of Rondo. Information on these sites will be included in the interactive exhibits featured on the plaza described above. Rondo Avenue, Inc also endeavors to establish a permanent, indoor museum that can provide a wide breadth of information regarding the history of the Rondo neighborhood through a variety of formats. Multiple sites for this larger project are being explored, including property in the Summit University neighborhood near the site for this proposal.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or

### demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The Rondo Commemorative Plaza & Garden will repurpose a 0.14 acre vacant commercial parcel that formerly served as a community gathering space and would be financially prohibitive to redevelop for sustainable commercial use. This project will help fill the void of publicly accesible spaces that convey a broad collection of stories regarding the people, places, spaces, and organizations that were a part of the Rondo community. As Saint Paul residents who grew up in the historic Rondo neighborhood grow older or move away, this history is increasingly at risk of being lost without powerful public vehicles for passing it along. The prospect of redevelopment in the Summit University neighborhood spurred by the advent of light rail also creates urgency as well as opportunity to preserve and promote the history of Rondo. The plaza component of the project will gather together and make available a large amount of information on the history of Rondo accessible in a format that is attractive for technology oriented youth.



2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The Rondo Commemorative Plaza & Garden will create a pocket park that will offer green, publicly accessible space to local residents and bring additional bring pedestrian traffic and eyes on the street to an area that has seen a recent rash of gun related crime. In the summer of 2013, a home one block away on Carroll Street was targeted in a brazen and violent shooting incident. The home was pierced by 30 to 40 times by .30 caliber bullets while the home was occupied by several elderly residents. While no one was injured, the incident severely rattled the residents of the home and nearby neighbors. This project can help deter future incidents by drawing pedestrian traffic from University and Selby via Victoria to a neighborhood point of interest.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

Rondo Avenue, Inc. has engaged in extensive community engagement during the preliminary design of this proposal. The Ward 1 Council Office and the Neighborhood STAR Board approved a \$25,000 STAR grant for Rondo Avenue, Inc. to acquire the site, which had fallen into tax forfeiture, from Ramsey County and engage in planning activities. Rondo Avenue, Inc. conducted a community survey targeting local residents with interest or familial connections to the history of Rondo. Surveys were collected

through two community meetings, the 2014 Rondo Festival, the 2014 Selby Avenue Jazz Fest, and an online portal. The feedback from this survey informed two preliminary design schemes created by 4RM+ULA Architects. These design schemes have been presented to the Community Improvement and Safety Committee of the Summit University Planning Council. This committee has voted to support the proposed project as well as this CIB application. The project has also earned a vote of support from the full board of the Summit University Planning Council. Rondo Avenue, Inc. is forming plans for a capital campaign with outreach to local churches, families, and institutions with connections to the Rondo neighborhood.

Points Points Possible Awarded

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

As described above, the Rondo Commemorative Plaza & Garden will benefit the Summit University neighborhood and the city as a whole. It will help to preserve and promote a critical piece of Saint Paul's history that is central to the city's cultural identity, but is at risk of being lost as light rail drives continued community growth and change. The project will turn a vacant lot into additional community green space and gathering space while creating a point of interest that will help draw traffic and interest from University Avenue and the Green Line LRT into the neighborhood via Victoria Avenue. With its connections to Minneapolis and other cities, the Green Line is positioned to bring visitors to this point of interest from across the city, region, and beyond no need to provide parking beyond available off-street parking on what is a mostly residential street fronting I-94. This attraction will help draw traffic to businesses along Selby Avenue as well as support economic development efforts underway along University Avenue. This additional traffic, along with decorative lighting, should also help promote public safety by bringing additional pedestrian activity and "eyes on the street" to the area.

	Points	Points
	Possible	Awarded
mmunity Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

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The Rondo Commemorative Plaza & Garden will serve as a historic marker for the commercial building that once stood at 820 Concordia and served as a community gathering space for the residents of Rondo. The Plaza will also support concurrent work to preserve and promote the important history of the people, places, and events that make the Rondo community an important part of history of Saint Paul. The technology

enabled features of the plaza will allow the historical content to be refreshed and updated at minimal cost as work continues to archive the Rondo's history. This project will support community goals by creating a neighborhood point of interest in close proximity to Victoria Avenue, which connects the future Frogtown Farm and Park north of University Avenue, the Victoria LRT Station at University, the Selby Avenue commercial corridor to the south of this site, Grand Avenue further south still, and the Linwood Recreation Center where Victoria dead ends at St. Clair Avenue. This point of interest will serve to draw visitors from points north and south along Victoria, helping to establish the street as a major connector between multiple community assets and commercial corridors. Rondo Avenue, Inc. will work to establish community partnerships with local churches, the Summit University Planning Council, and community non-profits to share the responsibility of cleaning and upkeep of the space.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The Summit University Neighborhood is a highly diverse community. The neighborhood has one of the highest concentrations of African Americans in the city, based on 2008-2012 American Community Survey data collected by the Census Bureau. Race and Ethnicity White – 45.4% Black – 34.1% Asian – 12.2% Two or More Races – 3.1% Hispanic/Latino – 4.6% Income Median Household Income (2012 dollars) - \$38,796 Percent of people below poverty – 31.0% Unemployment rate – 11.1%

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#### CF-0803420 Rondo Commemorative Plaza

Phase Detail										
Fin Start End Yearly Amount (in thousands)										
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CDBG			0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Construction/Rehab	CDBG			0	250	0	0	0	0	250
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	CDBG			0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Design	CDBG			0	15	0	0	0	0	15
Total:				0	288	0	0	0	0	288

#### **Phase Summary**

Yearly Amount (in Thousands)								
Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	100.0%
Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	100.0%
Design	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	100.0%
Total:	0	288	0	0	0	0	288	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin		Yearly Amount ( in thousands)							
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CDBG -	Comm Dev. Block Grnt								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
	Construction/Rehab	0	250	0	0	0	0	250	
	Inspec / Constr Mgmt	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	
	Design	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	
		0	288	0	0	0	0	288	100.0%
Total:		0	288	0	0	0	0	288	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Enhancement of the bike trail that runs along Interstate 35E from Grand Avenue to St. Claire Avenue

Proposing Agency or Group: - Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association

Proposer's Address: - 455 Banfil Street, St. Paul, MN 55102

Contact Person: - Mark Fangmeier

Phone Number: - (612) 787-6767

Email Address: - mark.fangmeier@gmail.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - Bike path parallel to 35E between Grand & St. Claire Avenue

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 9 – West 7<sup>th</sup>/Fort Road Federation

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 2

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

Enhancement of the bike trail that runs along Interstate 35E from Grand Avenue to St. Claire Avenue. Funding request includes a crosswalk at the start and end of bike path (Grand and St Claire Avenue), resurfacing the path, lighting in key areas of safety concern, access to water for the critical maintenance of several thousands dollars worth of trees, shrubs, and plants that are part of a landscaping plan starting spring 2015.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

The Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association (LBNA) is working to increase the safety, quality and usability of the bike/walking trail and adjacent green spaces that runs along 35E between Grand Avenue and St Clair Avenue. Our neighborhood has identified that this is an under-utilized amenity that could greatly add to the quality of life in the neighborhood if better equipped and maintained.

Not only is this trail a community asset with great potential, it has been identified as a section of the City's existing bicycle facilities network that could benefit from improvement. In addition, this proposal is supported by a number of Saint Paul's adopted planning documents, including the City's Transportation Plan policy 3.5, recommending "Support existing off-street shared-use paths and add facilities and

amenities supportive of active living principles," and policy 3.6 which suggests "Fill gaps in the bikeway system." This path is a critical transportation corridor because it is the only major direct connection dedicated to bicycles between Highland Park and Downtown within the West End. This trail, when properly maintained, can also increase cyclists' safety by allowing St. Paul residents to avoid busy arterial streets such as West 7th.

The LBNA has taken an active role in the maintenance and development of the trail and adjacent green spaces and provides ongoing volunteer labor to care for the trail, including organizing annual cleanup efforts.

#### <u> 2010 - 2011:</u>

In 2010, a portion of the path that runs parallel to Harrison Ave was resurfaced and new lighting was added as a part of the Residential Street Vitality Program construction project for that street. As a part of RSVP, the LBNA received \$25,000 in funding for design, production and installation of public art that serves as exercise equipment in Pleasant Place, a new park established by the LBNA at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Garfield Street. The LBNA further enhanced the park through participation in the City of Saint Paul's Adopt a Planter and Adopt a Container (trash can) programs.

#### <u>2012:</u>

In 2012, the LBNA received funding from Community Neighborhood Housing Services for landscape improvements to Pleasant Place, including a welcome garden. Also in 2012, the LBNA received a grant from Greening the Avenue for the design and installation of a new sign identifying the park.

#### 2015 and Beyond:

This project will enhance a neglected amenity that is an essential arterial component that runs through the length of the Little Bohemia Neighborhood. In addition, the path is also an important link in Saint Paul's bike trail system that helps link Downtown Saint Paul to the greater West 7<sup>th</sup> Street area and Highland Park.

In its current state, the trail is unusable at night as a result of safety concerns due to a lack of sufficient lighting. The deteriorated condition of the path makes it unsafe for young children, the elderly and for people with physical impairments or disabilities. In addition, due to poor lighting and its overall dilapidated condition, the path is subject to homeless encampments that creates further safety issues and results in increased amounts of trash, empty liquor bottles and other debris.

Resurfacing, additional lighting and other enhancements will not only alleviate these areas of concern, but will promote increased usage of the bike path and trail.

Up to this point, work to enhance the bike trail and Pleasant Place has occurred in stages, based on the availability of various funding sources. Ideally, sufficient CIB funding will allow for the full rehabilitation of the trail and installation of both lighting and

water access amenities. However, the plan does allow for incremental implementation and is flexible in the way in which individual components of the plan are fulfilled.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

The importance of this project is that it enhances a neglected bike trail that serves as an important corridor for wildlife, a valuable bike path connecting Highland Park and Downtown through the West End, and a community gathering/focal point for our West End neighborhood. With the growth of the Little Bohemia Neighborhood and the prominence in which we promote the bike trail and Pleasant Place, inside and outside of our community, we have received reports of the trail becoming more popular and being used more often. Though the demand and importance of the trail may be increasing, its capacity to serve this demand and functionality is limited due to its poor condition, lack of lighting, connectability and absence of other amenities.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Project Importance Score:	10	

2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The improvements achievable with CIB funds would remedy significant, ongoing safety concerns.

1. The pavement is in poor condition—including buckled pavement, cracked and deteriorating surface, and encroachment of dirt, sand, and other natural debris—creating an unsafe environment for users (particularly children and the elderly). There are nearby "55+" retirement homes and townhouses and several children in the area that could be hurt due to the conditions of the trail.

2. The lack of sufficient lighting is another major area of concern. Poor lighting causes the trail to be extremely dark at its two key points of entry at Grand and St. Clair Avenues, as well as a long stretch from Western Avenue to St. Clair, at night as well as dawn and dusk. This makes the trail difficult to use because users can't see the impediments along the path (due to its poor condition). It also attracts loitering, illegal activities, and other safety concerns. The poor lighting makes users feel unsafe from potential predatory criminal activity. Once more, the dark conditions tend to attract vagrants, who camp (or pass out) along the trail creating an unwelcoming, hazardous environment ripe with the potential for conflict.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Safety Concerns Score:	10	

3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community

collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project 2013:

2013 marked the first proposal for CIB funds in support of the 35E bike trail. However, past community support and partnerships with the City of Saint Paul and other organizations, has led to a more valued and viable amenity. As detailed in Section B of this application, the dedication and commitment of the residents of the Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association resulted in \$30,000+ in investment and countless hours of volunteer support to try and establish the trail as a community asset.

#### <u>2014:</u>

Since our previous CIB proposal the Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association has entered into a landscape partnership agreement with the City of Saint Paul and MNDoT by way of the Community Roadside Partnership (CRP) grant. City Forestry also helped remove a few declining trees of safety concern in 2014.

#### 2015 and Beyond:

The CRP grant (see attached CRP Grant Information) awards over the next three years, a maximum of \$30,000 per year, starting in spring 2015–2017, for plant materials, herbicides, compost, wood chips, rodent protection, etc. There is a professional landscape plan draft for phase 1 (of 3) that has been provided by MNDoT (see draft attached). Additionally, work prior to the start date of the CRP grant is being done by MNDoT, including repairs to sound walls, invasive removals and treatment (e.g. for buckthorn), major ground prep work (e.g., mowing along hillsides and grading), structured removal of ash and other damaged or dangerous trees, and more.

The scope of the CRP plan is stated as such:

"As a community-building endeavor we hope to 1. increase tree canopy along this corridor for greater livability (filter air pollution and noise from freeway, provide shade, etc.), 2. environmental stewardship (remove invasives, erosion prevention, etc.), 3. community improvement (with thoughtful design we hope to deter loitering, garbage dumping, etc., and other criminal activity), 4. roadside beautification. Overall, we hope to make the area a safe place that we can enjoy, share (bikers currently commute on bike path but use amongst walkers is limited due to safety concerns), and be proud of."

Volunteers for the planting and ongoing maintenance include: Little Bohemia residents, Saint Paul Citizen Pruners, LBNA Community Garden Club, Journey's students and staff, Minnesota Tree Care Advisors, MN Master Naturalists, bike groups, local businesses, and more.

The CRP grant does not include lighting, path repaving, or water utilities—yet these functions are necessary for the improvements in the area to be a success. These same goals can be fully achieved with the aid of CIB funds, particularly of interest is water to

establish the wealth of plant materials (trees, shrubs, perennials, etc.) being planted over the next three years.

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Demonstrated Support Score:	10	

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving quality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

This project will significantly benefit the Little Bohemia Neighborhood. This trail runs through a neighborhood that has been traditionally underserved. Identified as a target area for the City's Invest Saint Paul and Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Little Bohemia has seen significant investment by the City in the purchase of more than 20 vacant and foreclosed homes. Rehabilitation has been completed on four homes, with ongoing work currently taking place on two homes and work on an additional three homes planned to begin within weeks, all of which are located less than a block or two from the trail. Enhancement of the trail as proposed in this application will provide substantial improvement to a neglected amenity that would greatly enhance the marketability of the neighborhood.

In addition to increasing the marketability of the neighborhood, investment in this trail will also improve its vitality, usability and safety.

This project will also benefit the greater West 7<sup>th</sup> Street area. The trail serves residents as a link to downtown Saint Paul and would provide users with an alternative to West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It also connects to the Jefferson Avenue bike trail.

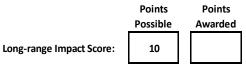
In addition to benefiting the West End, the project also stands to benefit the entire city through an enhanced trail system. As stated in Section B of this application, investment in this trail is supported through the City's adapted planning documents including the Transportation Plan.



5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

Investment in the 35E bike trail that runs through Little Bohemia will have a long lasting impact on our neighborhood. The project will greatly improve the overall livability of the neighborhood by providing a significantly enhanced amenity that all residents will have the opportunity to enjoy. It will help build a stronger sense of community, and help

provide a focal point for community gatherings and interaction. It will assist the LBNA in leveraging additional dollars for investment from other funding sources to provide additional investment in the trail and neighborhood. Investing in the trail will help the LBNA build new partnerships and strengthen existing relationships with neighboring organizations that stand to benefit from its improvement, including United Hospital, the Salvation Army, Journeys Secondary School, the West 7th Community Center, senior residences and more.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

The demographics who utilize this trail are diverse; from neighborhood children to elderly neighbors living in near by retirement housing, to daily commuters biking into Downtown from the surrounding neighborhoods. Currently the pavement on the bike path is in such a state of disrepair that it is unsafe for many of these key demographics to utilize this community resource. With the allocation of CIB funds this community asset will finally reach it's full potential and expand to serve the diverse demographics for which it was intended.

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#### CF-0903407 Enhance of Bike Trail along I35E from Grand to St. Clair

Phase Detail										
	Fin	Start	End		Ye	arly Amoun	t (in thousa	ands)		
Phase	Code	Date	Date	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	178	0	0	0	0	178
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	397	0	0	0	397
Lighting	CIB			0	0	162	0	0	0	162
Traffic Signals	CIB			0	0	20	0	0	0	20
Total:				0	178	579	0	0	0	757

#### **Phase Summary**

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Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
Const-Plans/Spec's	0	178	0	0	0	0	178	100.0%
Construction/Rehab	0	0	397	0	0	0	397	100.0%
Lighting	0	0	162	0	0	0	162	100.0%
Traffic Signals	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	100.0%
Total:	0	178	579	0	0	0	757	100.0%

#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

Fin			Y	s)					
Code	Phase	Prior Appr	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total	% of Total
CIB - Ca	pital Imp. Bonds								
	Const-Plans/Spec's	0	178	0	0	0	0	178	
	Construction/Rehab	0	0	397	0	0	0	397	
	Lighting	0	0	162	0	0	0	162	
	Traffic Signals	0	0	20	0	0	0	20	
		0	178	579	0	0	0	757	100.0%
Total:		0	178	579	0	0	0	757	100.0%

## 1. Please provide the following information about your organization and proposed project:

Project Title: - Orchard Recreation Center - Orchard Soccer Complex

Proposing Agency or Group: - St. Paul Blackhawks

Proposer's Address: - P.O. 40436, St. Paul MN 55104

Contact Person: - Sunny Kase, St. Paul Blackhawks Board and Task Force

Phone Number: - 651.307.0536

Email Address: - sundrayaskase@gmail.com

Address or Cross Streets of Proposed Project: - 875 West Orchard Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55103

#### 2. Citizen Participation District(s):

District 10 - Como

#### 3. City Council Ward(s):

Ward 5

#### 4. I am aware of the City's public art ordinance:

Yes

#### 5. Please provide a short description of your project.

The St. Paul Blackhawks seek funds to make capital improvements at Orchard Recreation Center. The Orchard Soccer Complex would include: a playground, a full size domed turf field, lighting, fencing, a sport court and building improvements such as: gym build out, training area, meeting space and building signage. All improvements would enrich programing opportunities for St. Paul youth, with a focus on at risk immigrant youth.

<u>Section B – Narrative/Long Description</u>: • Why is this project important? • Is there any historical context we should be aware of? • What does this project accomplish? What problem is it trying to solve? • Will this project occur in phases? What are they?

Historic Soccer Club The St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club is the oldest, most decorated soccer club in the state of Minnesota. We are a non-profit organization serving youth ages five to nineteen, their families, and the community. We are an urban club, committed to inclusiveness and to the development of players who have the skills and desire to play soccer at the highest level. Our mission is to develop highly skilled, respectful, competitive soccer players from Little Hawks to Adult who will be contributing members to any community. We build character in our soccer players and strengthen our community. Our immigrant roots are a strong and important part of our soccer club. When European immigrants settled in Minnesota following World War II they brought along the game of soccer. They played on a field near the Highland water tower in St. Paul. The game caught on, and before long there were enough players to field two

teams the Blackhawks and the Falcons. In 1952 the Blackhawks and the Falcons founded the St. Paul Soccer Club, establishing both Minnesota club soccer and the St. Paul Blackhawks Soccer Club. In addition to playing local ethnic clubs and in local leagues, the Blackhawks and the Falcons traveled to Madison, Milwaukee and Chicago to play in tournaments. The St. Paul Blackhawks Youth Soccer Club grew from those roots. Our club crest contains an image of a hawk surrounded by translations of "Blackhawk" in eight, non-English languages. This design honors the immigrant origins of our club and speaks to our present day commitment to involve immigrant communities in the St. Paul Blackhawks. St. Paul Blackhawk players learn leadership skills, how to play as a team, and to respect all players, coaches, and officials involved in every game. The three cornerstones of training a Blackhawk player are technical, tactical, and character development. Most teams have a core group of players, comprising more than half the team, who have played together since they were 9 years old. By the time they are 18 years old, they have grown up together, likely traveled to out of town tournaments together, and have developed deep, life-long friendships. At the same time new players and families join every year and are welcomed and embraced by the teams. In our club culture, our teams celebrate together and support each other through the tough times, on and off the field. In 2015, the St. Paul Blackhawks have 760 players registered from ages 5-18. Sixty percent (60%) are boys, forty (40%) are girls. Eight-five (85%) of our players are St. Paul residents. Two hundred (200) of those players are in our Little Hawks program, which is a developmental program for players ages 5 to 8. We have seen a 10% growth in programs over the past 10 years and are one of the largest youth soccer organizations in the state of Minnesota. Thirty percent (30%) of our players receive need-based financial assistance that covers up to ninety percent (90%) of their club registration fees and over half of those players come from immigrant families. Our need-based scholarship program is what sets the St. Paul Blackhawks program apart from existing club programs throughout the city, state and country. We do not offer scholarships based on talent and we do not recruit players by offering monetary incentives. All players go through the same club level evaluations and are assigned to a team. This is a blind process that does not include any financial considerations. Need-based scholarships are provided based on financial need and are awarded to a whole family. This encourages developmental participation and growth at all ages and provides the means for a relationship with a whole family, giving children of any ability the opportunity to play soccer and benefit from activity and community. Last year roughly ten (10%) of our operating budget, or \$131,800.75 total was given out in financial support to more than 169 players. Of those players, well over half are players who are first-generation, new American and/or come from immigrant families. These players self-identify as Somali, Ethiopian, Karen, Hmong, Haitian, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Laotian, Mexican and several others. These players also represent the largest growing demographic of youth in St. Paul. For the most part, these players don't play baseball, basketball or football. They play soccer, which is a familiar sport in their countries of origin. In the past 5 years, the Blackhawk's leadership made up of board, staff, coaches and parent volunteers have made an intentional effort to increase gender and ethnic leadership to reflect the same diversity as our players. The area this has been the most successful is in the development of our young coaching staff. Every effort is made to nurture, sustain

and support former Blackhawks players who are committed to coaching. This is a model that works extremely well and prepares these emerging leaders to go on to coach in other venues such as the high school level, develop professional and leadership skills, and create an opportunity of professional networking. The players and their families also appreciate having coaches that mirror their own experience. Our board and staff are also diverse in ethnicity, gender and socio-economic levels. Orchard Recreation Center Background Orchard Recreation Center is the St. Paul Blackhawk's "clubhouse". Blackhawks have leased this facility from the City of St. Paul for more than seven years. In this arrangement, St. Paul Blackhawks are responsible for the upkeep of the building and fields. The St. Paul Blackhawks continue to improve on this property, having installed a new gym floor, paint, gym wall padding, an irrigation system for the playing field and regular turf maintenance. With these improvements, regular maintenance and vandalism repair, the Blackhawks have invested more than \$35,000 in Orchard Recreation Center. St. Paul Blackhawks offer programming and year-round access to the building in the afternoon, evening and weekend hours. The facility playground, court and field is regularly used by the community and the Blackhawks have worked to establish a relationship with the neighbors by hosting National Night Out hospitality, the annual club summer picnic, and Winter Carnival events on site. Presently, the Orchard space includes a three-quarters sized natural turf field and an indoor gymnasium that has been converted to a futsal court. The existing field was poorly constructed over preexisting baseball fields and requires labor and operational expenses that are a significant labor and financial burden to the club budget. An artificial domed turf field would allow practice and play on the field throughout the year under adverse weather conditions typical of Minnesota, and year-to-year maintenance costs would be lower, and offer a more robust facility for resident utilization. Furthermore, since a significant amount of the budget is spent on field rental space at other facilities, a dedicated and reliable turf play space would realize a savings on rental fees and allow kids to train outside in the spring and fall. Typical field rental in St. Paul during the summer months averages \$75 per hour and \$400 per hour in the winter (dome rental). St. Paul Blackhawks have roughly 30 competitive teams (age U12-U19) or 50 total teams which each train on average three times per week. These savings could then support additional need-based scholarships, grow our organization membership, and fund other program offerings to the community. In 2014, motivated by our Orchard lease renegotiations, the board formed a subgroup called the Orchard Task Force. We are a 6 person team made up of concerned and engaged Blackhawk parents, St. Paul residents and community leaders. The members of the Orchard Task Force are: Steve Cerkvenik. Heidi Staloch, Tom Clark, Jason Tidwell, Sunny Kase and Danah Ditzig. We have been meeting monthly to set a course for the development of the Orchard Soccer Complex. The group has interviewed Orchard neighbors and club members to identify needs and ideas to create a more safe and useful facility to benefit the club and the community. Project Plan for the Orchard Soccer Complex The task force has had preliminary conversations with RAI Architects. The key principals there, Ken Rivera and Deb Rathman, are both also active Blackhawks parents with young players in our club. Up to this point, their guidance and consultation has all been voluntary. Deb and Ken have worked on several projects similar in scale and execution as the proposed Orchard Soccer Complex. They are committed to guiding us through this process in whatever

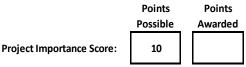
capacity we enlist them. Here are some initial and broad suggested areas of improvement. 1. Structural Building • Expansion of indoor futsal gym area. • Redesign of meeting room/kitchen space • Addition of windows for an observation area on the north side • Relocation of entrance/exit • Upgrade of bathroom facilities • Addition of a passage to the field that would be when the field is domed . Enhancement of safety and security • Additional and improved facility signage 2. Fields • Installation of a lighted, gated US Soccer Federation full-sized regulation artificial turf soccer field with the possibility of an expansion to a covered dome for use in the winter months • Installation of an irrigation system • Installation of two lighted futsal courts 3. Playground and Open Field Space • Removal of the old playground equipment • Installation of a new playground • Design of an integrated landscape plan with paths, trails and a walking track on the perimeter of the field to encourage exercise and exploration for all ages. 4. Parking • Expansion or relocation of a designated parking area Importance of the Orchard Soccer Complex The city of St. Paul needs a soccer complex in Ward 5. The demographics of this ward are reflective of the huge growth in youth and immigrant populations. Currently, there are no soccer facilities in any of the recreation centers in Ward 5 that are meeting these specific needs. There are multi-use fields at recreation centers, but none that are solely dedicated to soccer use or in condition for competitive play. The St. Paul Blackhawks can offer soccer programming to not only our current membership, but to the broader community of potential, emerging and developing club soccer players in St. Paul. We see this as part of our original charter to meet the needs of the current immigrant community in St. Paul. What Does the Orchard Soccer Complex Accomplish? This project addresses the need for more safe places for youth to play soccer in St. Paul. Soccer is a unifying force. Anyone can play soccer. There is little equipment needed. Soccer is not limited by age, gender, language, socio-economic background, race, ethnicity, politics, etc... The development of a strong club soccer program in St. Paul supports other existing relationships the St. Paul Blackhawks have. Situated directly behind Orchard Recreation Center is Como Park High School. This St. Paul Public School's soccer team is reflective of the dynamic mix of classically trained club soccer players and new immigrant players. This has been a winning combination that has taken the Cougars to the Minnesota High School State Soccer tournament and a championship for the past two years. We share many players and even coaches with the Como teams. The Orchard Soccer Complex could also be used by the Cougars for trainings and games. Currently, the Como teams rent full field space at McMurray Fields, as do the St. Paul Blackhawks. We also have a good relationship with Concordia University. We rent space on their campus as well. We also know that the other soccer entities in St. Paul such as; Joy of the People, The Sanneh Foundation and smaller ethnic clubs would benefit from the Orchard Soccer complex, if for no other reason than it would free up spaces we all currently compete for. There is high need for soccer spaces in St. Paul. One parents summed it up when he said, "I wish the city could just magically turn all the old baseball fields into soccer fields." The Orchard Soccer Complex could also be the meeting and training space for further collaboration with these clubs. We could host an annual soccer summit for players, parents, coaches and boards. We all have similar challenges and could share best practices and resources instead of constantly competing over field space. Lastly, the creation of the Orchard Soccer Complex would also be a partnership with the St. Paul Parks and Recreation

department. The St. Paul Blackhawks provide soccer opportunities for club level soccer players across the city, many of whom come out of the St. Paul Parks and Recreation soccer programs. That pathway from development and exposure would be more clearly established with this partnership. The Orchard Soccer Complex allows for the St. Paul Blackhawks to offer supportive soccer programming at a state of the art facility that would enhance current Parks and Recreation programming. This would be similar to the relationship we currently have with HGRA (Highland Groveland Recreation Association) in which we provide their younger age groups with weekly training and instruction.

#### Section C – Fit with Evaluation Criteria

1. Project Importance: • Project stabilizes the structural or mechanical integrity of an asset • Project improves or creates an asset that is currently in high use or demand • Project improves or creates an asset to meet new demand • Project improves the functionality of an asset • What is the need for the project

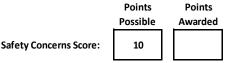
The Orchard Soccer Complex will be an extension of the current collaboration between the City of St. Paul and the Blackhawks. The Blackhawks have been good, reliable tenants and plan to maintain that relationship into the future. The choice of renewing our lease at Orchard as our clubhouse facility was motivated by our investment in the neighborhood, the community and the relationships we have at Orchard Recreation Center. This expansion supports the City of St. Paul's overall plans and goals for the centralization of small recreation centers. Instead of sitting vacant and unused, Orchard is a vibrant, energized soccer training facility for young people who live all across St. Paul. The development of Orchard Recreation Center into Orchard Soccer Complex increases the property value in Ward 5 and District 10. Furthermore, the investment both the City of St. Paul and the Blackhawks have in this property will increase, as well as in the higher valued asset –our city's youth.



## 2. Safety Concerns: • Project remedies safety issues that pose a danger to the community • Project addresses code violations or other mandates or legal requirements

The St. Paul Blackhawks presence at Orchard Recreation Center prevents the building from sitting vacant and unattended. In comparison to some other unoccupied recreation centers across the city, Orchard has seen lower levels of vandalism, loitering, crime and arson since the Blackhawks have moved in. Additional site activity would likely continue to mitigate the threat of vandalism and crimes. The expansion of the Orchard Soccer Complex would be similar to the development of the fields at Jimmie Lee Recreation Center. There would be space for whole families to spend their time together – watching soccer, playing soccer, playing on the playground, having a picnic, walking around the track/trails or playing on the sport court. The safety concerns would be similar to those at Jimmie Lee. There would be a need for a gated secure fence around the perimeter of the artificial turf field. A full security system would need to be installed inside and outside of the building. The liability for the property would still be under the responsibility of the City of St. Paul, as would be a lease tenant. Great care would also be given to

make sure the space was welcoming and not perceived as a private property. We strongly believe that the overall design of the landscape and the space needs to be about "including" instead of "excluding". There are examples of these types of urban soccer fields throughout the United States, Europe and South America. The US Soccer Foundation develops these fields with their Safe Spaces grant which we have applied for.



3. Demonstrated Support: • Project demonstrates community support and organizational commitment • Proposal demonstrates evidence of community collaborations or partnerships • Continued funding is needed to deliver expected services or to preserve an asset • Project leverages outside funding • What progress, if any, has been made on the project

The Orchard Soccer Complex would be a partnership funded by several investors. We are coming to the City of St. Paul for CIB funding as well as a possible STAR grant. We would also be seeking outside funding from the U.S. Soccer Foundation through their Safe Spaces grant for the artificial turf field, the lighting, the irrigation and the sport court. An initial letter of intent to apply has been submitted and we have been asked to move along further in that process. At this juncture, we are awaiting a renewed lease from the City of St. Paul that reflects a committed partnership for at least the next 10 years. Once confirmation of that new lease takes place, we can make a full application for these funds. We are also seeking support from local funding sources such as corporate and private foundations. We will also go to our community partners such as St. Paul Parks and Recreation, Como High School, Concordia University, HGRA (Highland Groveland Recreation Association) and the smaller ethnic clubs and ask them to support our project - in return for access to the facility once it has been built. Lastly, and not to be overlooked, we regularly campaign directly to our club membership and alumni. Blackhawks are initiating a capital campaign for facilities.

**Demonstrated Support Score:** 

Points Points Possible Awarded

10

4. Community Benefit: • Project significantly benefits a neighborhood, district, area, or city as a whole • Project enhances livability by improving guality of life or property values, providing unmet needs, improving safety or accessibility, etc. • Project improves aesthetic appearance of an asset or area through landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features

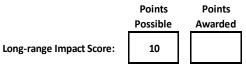
The development of the Orchard Soccer Complex provides stability to the neighborhood of District 10 in Ward 5. In the summer of 2014 at our Annual Night Out, we polled neighbors in attendance about what they thought of having the St. Paul Blackhawks at Orchard Recreation Center. The majority of the group that evening expressed their satisfaction that we are there. Some shared their displeasure at having an empty unused recreation center in their neighborhood before we moved in, that the vacancy decreased property value and increased vandalism and crime. There were some

suggestions that communication could be improved by clearly posting signage on the building stating that the St. Paul Blackhawks lease the facility through a partnership with the City of St. Paul. There was also a suggestion that parking could be improved and increased. The community sees the presence of the St. Paul Blackhawks at Orchard Recreation Center as a positive force that deters crime by having the lights on, offering minimal access to the building and providing youth programs for soccer. All of those factors would increase with the development of the Orchard Soccer Complex. We also know that our project will greatly improve the aesthetic appearance of Orchard. We plan to develop the whole space with a designer that will lead us in landscaping, public art, lighting, signage, or other design features.

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	Possible	Awarded
Community Benefit Score:	10	

5. Long-Range Impact: • Project's impact on future operating costs (both increases/decreases) • Project exceeds standards in environmental sustainability • Project provides tangible return on investment • Project is included in City-approved plan • Project maintains an asset with historical significance • Project demonstrates ability to achieve stated outcomes

The long range impact of this project is in the legacy of investing in both the physical and human capital of our city. The return on investment will be in three forms. One will be in the public perception that the City of St. Paul is still interested in supporting all neighborhood recreation centers as part of their centralized plans through partnerships with nonprofits such as the St. Paul Blackhawks. Two, the Orchard Soccer Complex will raise revenue. We will be able to rent out the space to other organizations and we will also be saving money that we are currently spending to rent space. All income would go towards the upkeep and maintenance fees. Lastly, and it may sound simplistic, but investing in a youth soccer program that develops immigrant youth alongside classically trained soccer players focuses on all that is positive and good about living in a multitiered socio economic city. We are creating physical space and a program for all communities to learn from each other over a game that they all love, no matter what tax bracket they represent. Our project may be in the initial planning stages but we have all of the assets to make it a reality with the support of CIB funds.



#### Section D – Additional Information

**1.** Additional Information Requested: Please provide additional information that would be important to know about your project.

Orchard Recreation Center is used year-round by the St. Paul Blackhawks. During our busiest spring, summer and fall months there can be as many as an estimated 200 people there on any given night. That does not include the daytime activity in the summer of camps and general pick-up play on the fields and playground. We would estimate that would add another 50 youth for a total of 250 people using the park daily

for around 3 months and around 100 daily for the other 6 moths. In the downtime of winter, we still use the indoor futsal gym and meeting space for 50 people daily for three months. For a total annual use of around 45,000 people.

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#### CF-1003416 Orchard Recreation Center Orchard Soccer Complex

Phase Detail										
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Const-Plans/Spec's	CIB			0	256	0	0	0	0	256
Construction/Rehab	CIB			0	0	2,925	0	0	0	2,925
Construction Mgmt.	CIB			0	0	160	0	0	0	160
Design	CIB			0	225	0	0	0	0	225
Total:				0	481	3,085	0	0	0	3,566

#### **Phase Summary**

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#### **Financing Source Detail / Summary**

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