



February 27, 2015

RE: Jimmy Lee Play Area

Concordia University St Paul is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2016/2017 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Oxford/Jimmy Lee Recreation Center.

The university has been a part of St Paul since 1893. Our student body has grown and changed with the city. Concordia students have utilized the facilities at Oxford/Jimmy Lee recreation center in various ways over the years. We have current students that work at Jimmy Lee and live in the neighborhood. We have alumni that have worked with youth basketball teams that practice in the rec center's gym. Our students have many fond memories using the pool for fun and for athletic training. Our admissions staff has taken part in education fairs at the center. Our staff and faculty also live in the neighborhood with their families.

We have students come to Concordia from all over the country and the world. When prospective students come to visit the university they often check out the surrounding neighborhood. We love our location in the city for many reasons but one is that the neighborhood has some many fun options for everyone in the Concordia family. Our students come to our campus year round. Our campus consists of freshman right out of high school to working adults with children of their own. They all come to campus and explore the neighborhood.

The proposed project will be beneficial to the Concordia community, the Summit University Neighborhood, and the city of St Paul and we urge its completion.

Sincerely,

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RE: Jimmy Lee Playground Improvements

The Jimmy Lee Boosters is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2012/2013 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at Jimmy Lee Recreation Center.

This project benefits our community in the following ways:

1. **Good facilities** provide exposure to and opportunities for a wide variety of intellectual, cultural, and physical activities. For many citizens, recreation facilities have been their introduction to organized sports, dancing, and any number of other pursuits. People of low income, particularly youth, may have little other chance for these experiences.
2. **Good facilities** contribute to the general quality of life in the community. A community with good parks and other facilities is a pleasant and sociable place to live, with a lively outdoor and cultural life. Residents spend more time in the community, and therefore are more familiar with one another, and contribute to a sense of community.
3. **Good facilities** can help to attract new residents. People are more likely to move to communities with well-kept parks, lively cultural institutions, good schools, and efficient public transportation.

The proposed project will be beneficial to Summit University Area and we urge its completion.

Sincerely,

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