

**Resolution # 14-15**  
**Pedro Park Name Selection**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Approval of a name selection, “Pedro Park” for the donated property, located at on the north half block bounded by Robert Street, 10th Street East, and Minnesota Street.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

The property at the corner of Robert Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street East was donated to the city in 2009 as part of a donation agreement with the Pedro family (formerly Pedro Luggage), for the land to be converted into future parkland. The site currently has a temporary art installation project located on it known as “Urban Flower Field” in partnership with Public Art Saint Paul and the University of Saint Thomas. Signage and various informal communications about the site currently already refer to it as “Pedro 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. It will be the largest downtown park in the City of Saint Paul. Funding requests have been made to purchase additional parcels that are necessary to build out this park and for money to construct the park in order to provide a much needed green space for this changing downtown neighborhood.

The 2009 donation agreement with the Pedro family required the land to be converted into parkland and named “Pedro Park” within five years. Communication has been ongoing with the Pedro Family and they have endorsed the “Urban Flower Field”. Renaming of the donated parcel fulfills the donation agreement, creates a park on the donated parcel and realizes the vision of an additional city park.

**REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION:**

Adopt Resolution # 14-15 recommending the proposed name, “Pedro Park”.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

From 2011-2012, a community design advisory committee was involved with City staff to create a conceptual Master Plan for Pedro Park. From a community survey and committee input, it is preferred to have 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.

Pedro Park is nestled within a changing and vibrant neighborhood. New construction of the Penfield and Lunds store is complete and is a successful redevelopment bringing many individuals to this neighborhood. Additionally, 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. The workforce and student population from surrounding blocks are also potential park users who will enliven the park space and contribute to the economic vitality of downtown Saint Paul.