

RESOLUTION # 14-06
Victoria Park Master Plan Adoption

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission is an appointed body established to advise the Mayor and City Council on long-range and city-wide matters related to Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation will acquire new parkland currently known as Victoria Park after environmental remediation efforts have been completed onsite; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation assembled a citizen driven Design Advisory Committee to advise the development of an overall master plan for Victoria Park; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation facilitated a series of Design Advisory Committee meetings from September 2012 through December 2014 to develop an overall master plan for Victoria Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has completed the master plan for Victoria Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission hereby acknowledges the work of the advisory committee and affirms that the Department of Parks and Recreation can proceed with master plan implementation.

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

Approved:	Yeas	___
	Nays	___
	Absent:	___

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Attested to by:

 Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Saint Paul obtained the 40-acre Victoria Park property with the condition that the property be developed as a park, upon completion of environmental cleanup of the site.

Environmental cleanup and monitoring of the site began in 2010. In 2011, an opportunity to acquire free fill from the Central Corridor project allowed the City to fill and grade the future park site, thereby meeting required Pollution Control Agency (PCA) standards for future recreational use of the site and saving the City a minimum of \$1M in the process. Over 115,000 cubic yards of fill was placed during the summer and fall of 2011, with the remaining portion of the site scheduled for completion of filling operations during the 2014 construction season. The site will continue to be monitored via in-place wells, likely through 2015; at which point it would be ready for construction of a new park.

With the understanding that this area will soon be available for park use, the Department of Parks and Recreation assembled a Design Advisory Committee consisting of local residents, local businesses, youth athletics, adult athletics, and technical advisors to provide advice on a new Master Plan for Victoria Park. The Design Advisory Committee met regularly from September 2012 through December 2013, to develop a recommended overall master plan for the site.

STAFF COMMENTS:

The Victoria Park Master Plan reflects the goals and objectives established by the citizen driven Design Advisory Committee. It addresses to the greatest degree possible the concerns of Staff and constituent groups.

REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION:

Adopt Resolution # 14-06 advocating adoption of the Victoria Park Master Plan.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

The Design Advisory Committee would like to continue their involvement as funding becomes available for master plan implementation and wishes to be kept informed of funding decisions.

The Design Advisory Committee has concerns about the design details of specific plan elements including the multi-use athletic field, play areas, picnic shelters, restrooms, re-circulating water feature and interpretive public art. Parks staff will re-engage a Design Advisory Committee when funding becomes available for above mentioned master plan elements.

There is community interest in renaming Victoria Park. Parks and Recreation Staff is supportive of renaming of the site.



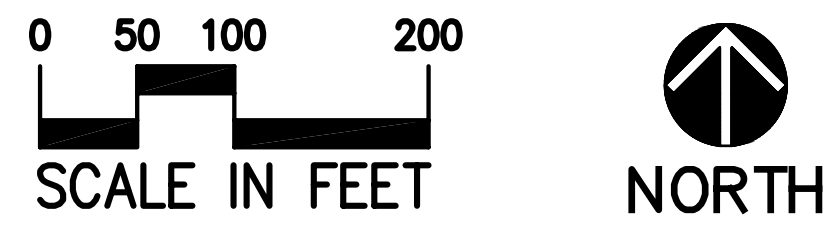
ACTIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA NORTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

PASSIVE PARK

- GENERALLY DEFINED AS AREA SOUTH OF RAIL ROAD TRACKS

- WATER PLAZA/PARK ENTRANCE
- RECIRCULATING WATER TREATMENT
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- NORTH PICNIC AREA
 - RESTROOMS
 - SHELTER
 - PLAY AREA/SPLASH PAD
- 40 CAR PARKING LOT
- PARK ENTRANCE
- AMPHITHEATER
- OPEN WATER WETLAND
- PARK ENTRANCE
- HISTORIC QUARRY INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITY
- SHRUB CARR WETLAND
- EXISTING WETLAND
- BIRD HABITAT/MOIST SOIL CELLS
- HIGHLAND PARK ACCESS TRAIL



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