

**RESOLUTION #12-04  
Easement Agreement with Xcel Energy  
for the creation of "High Bridge Dog Park"**

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

WHEREAS, Section 13.01.1 of the City Charter requires that the Commission review all requests to create new park obligations and to present a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has a desire to provide an off-leash dog park near downtown to meet increasing public interest in additional dog park facilities; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy owns land under and adjacent to the Smith Avenue High Bridge - the former site of the High Bridge Power Plant - (Exhibit A). The power plant has been removed and the site has been rehabilitated and now meets the park standard for soil quality as established by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy, Inc. has expressed a willingness to grant public use of this land by means of a lease agreement with the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission concurs with the request to enter into a lease agreement with the Xcel Energy to use the land delineated in Exhibit A for the purpose of creating a public off-leash dog park. The land will be named the "High Bridge Dog Park," and in accordance with City Charter Section 13.01.1, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends approval by the Saint Paul City Council.

Adopted by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on May 9, 2012:

Approved: Yeas \_\_\_\_\_  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attested to by:

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Staff to the Parks and Recreation Commission

