

RESOLUTION 16-01 Saint Paul Grand Round Design and Implementation Plan

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 Grand Round Design Implementation Plan is a visionary project to continue the development of approximately 30 miles of scenic parkways connecting neighborhoods across the entire city with off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities to better connect people to parks, nature, neighborhoods and businesses.

WHEREAS, the Grand Round is based on four guiding principles:

- Promote health, safety, and comfort of all users.
- Create a key visual element and recreation feature that places high value on neighborhoods, history, and the natural environment.
- Maximize sustainable practices.
- Designed as a contiguous system of public open space that improves quality of life and strengthens our economy.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Grand Round project team is a multi-departmental collaboration led by the Parks and Recreation Department working with the Public Works and Planning and Economic Development Department's together with a consulting team of professionals led by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the CITY assembled a citizen driven Design Advisory Committee (CAC) to advise the development of the Grand Round Design and Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City and its consulting firms facilitated a series of eight Design Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings from May 2015 to March 2016; in addition seventeen Pop-up meetings, and four Open House events to gather public comments and recommendations were held; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the adoption of the Grand Round Design and Implementation Plan as the principal planning document for the implementation of this work.

| Approved: | Yeas Nays Absent | |
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| Resolution #16-01 | Attested to by: | |
| | Staff to the Parks and Recreation Com | |



